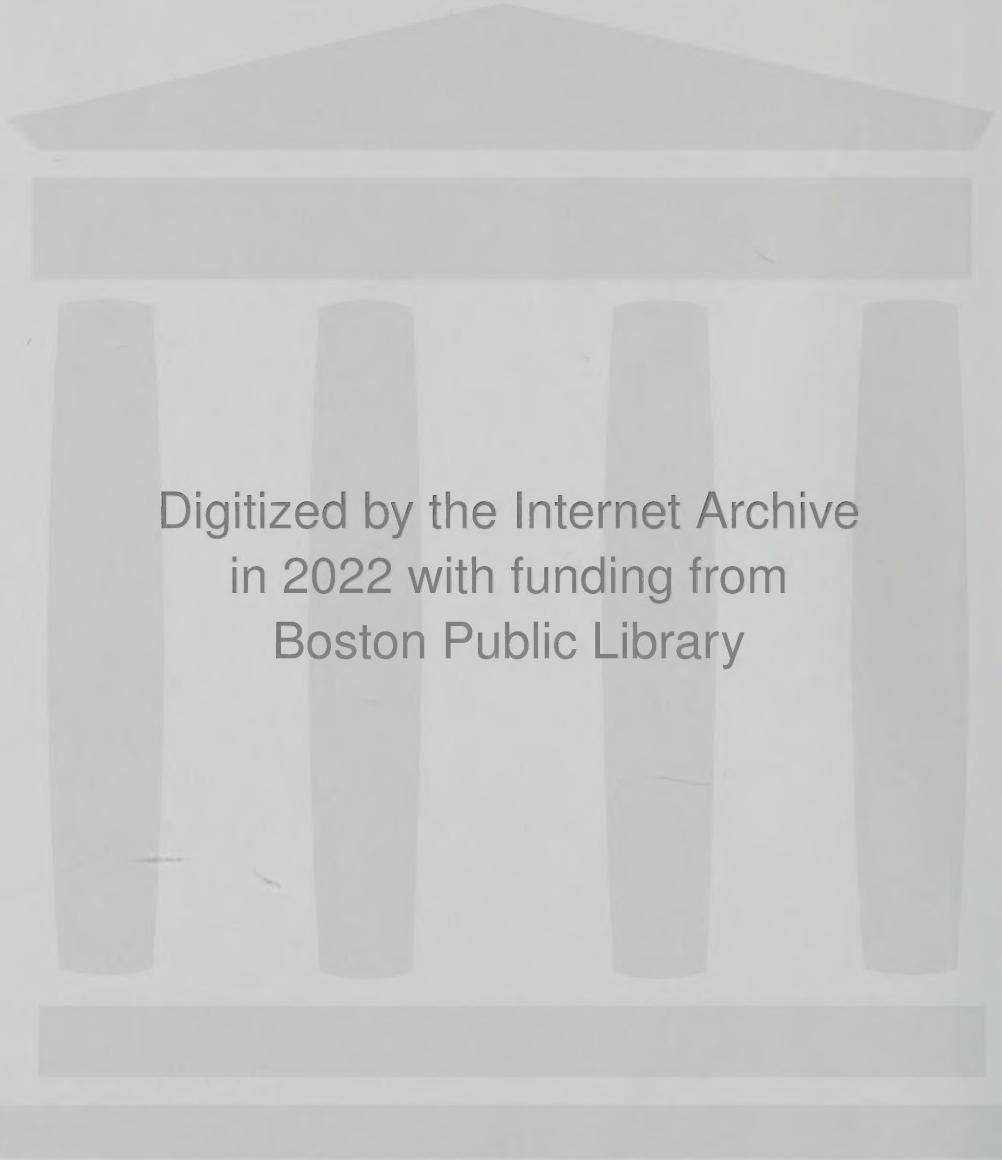


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BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Left to right: Selectman Cosmo M. Ciccarello, Selectman Mark T. Vaughan, Chairman John W. Biggio, Selectman Patrick F. Jordan, Jr., and Selectman Albert B. Conti.

TOWN OF STONEHAM MASSACHUSETTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Incorporated:	December 24, 1725
Population:	22,203
Land Area:	6.6 square miles
Location:	Ten miles north of Boston, close proximity to Interstate Highways 93 and 128
Form of Government:	Open Town Meeting Selectmen/Town Administrator
Annual Town Election:	First Tuesday in April
Annual Town Meeting:	First Monday in May
Town Operating Budget (FY95):	\$34,968,103
Assessed Valuation (FY95):	\$1,296,303,100
1995 Tax Rate:	
Residential	\$16.50
Commercial	\$18.84
Senators in Congress:	Edward M. Kennedy John F. Kerry
Representative in Congress: (Seventh Congressional District)	Edward J. Markey
Sixth Councillor District:	Dorothy Kelly Gay
Third Middlesex Senatorial District:	Richard Tisei
34th Representative District: (Precincts #2, 3, 4, 6)	Paul C. Casey
35th Representative District: (Precincts #1 and 5)	Patrick C. Guerriero
County Commissioners:	Edward J. Kennedy, Chairman Thomas J. Larkin Francis X. Flaherty
District Court:	4th East Middlesex Woburn, Massachusetts

STONEHAM A BRIEF PROFILE

Once a major shoe manufacturing center, the Stoneham of today is a residential community whose commerce includes a balanced mix of retailing, service businesses, and a scattering of light manufacturing.

Recreational facilities abound in Stoneham. Supervised summer programs are provided at our seven playgrounds and thirteen tennis courts. Little League Baseball, Youth Basketball, Pop Warner Football, Youth Hockey, and Soccer Club are all active in our town. The Stoneham Boys and Girls Club provides indoor recreation year round. Town-owned Unicorn Recreational nine-hole golf course, par-three golf course, and indoor heated skating rink are available for community use. There is also a private nine-hole golf course a Bear Hill Country Club. Our Whip Hill Wildlife Sanctuary and Manor House, consisting of over thirty acres, is a prized asset of Stoneham. The Walter D. Stone Memorial Zoo attracts many visitors.

The Middlesex Fells Reservation, one of the State's largest parks, comprises a major portion of Stoneham (32%) and offers nature trails, bridle paths, and picnicking. Metropolitan District Commission facilities in Stoneham consist of the following:

Swimming Pool
Bear Hill Observatory
Scenic Spot Pond
Outdoor Skating Rink

With an outstanding public school system, including Northeast Metropolitan Region Vocational School, Stoneham also offers private education at St. Patrick's School, Seventh Day Adventist School, and private kindergartens.

Churches include All Saints Episcopal, First Baptist, First Congregational, Jehovah's Witnesses, St. James Methodist, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist, and Temple Judea.

Boston Regional Medical Center provides excellent health care, and ambulance service is available. Central Animal Hospital and Stoneham Animal Hospital both care for our pet population and Stoneham Animal Hospital also serves as dog pound for the community.

Stoneham's Senior Center is a source of pleasure for our elder residents, whether they partake of the noontime meal or join in the many planned activities for their enjoyment.

Public Housing is available for both elderly and low income residents. The Town is 98% sewerized and the Public Works Department renders outstanding services as to plowing, sanding, etc.

Continental Cablevision, Inc. provides cable television service to the major portion of Stoneham. Time Warner Cable Corp. covers the "Jerry Jingle" area only.

Our local newspapers, the *Stoneham Independent* and the *Stoneham Sun* are published weekly.



In Memoriam

Edward M. Lynch, Jr.
Janice Marion Izzicupo
William Curran
Christopher Molloy
Ruth Gerrish
Arthur Chapman
Dyer Carroll
Henry J. Samourkashian

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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 1996

Term Expires

MODERATOR

Michael J. Rotondi	1997
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Cosmo M. Ciccarello	1997
Mark T. Vaughan, Vice Chairman	1997
Albert B. Conti	1998
Patrick F. Jordan, Jr.	1998
John W. Biggio, Chairman	1999

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Marie T. Christie	1997
Stephen Gucciardi	1997
Steven A. Migliorini	1998
Jeanne E. Craigie	1999
Paul A. Melkonian, Chairman	1999

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Craig J. Celli	1997
Richard Mangerian	1998
John J. Hanright, Chairman	1999

TOWN CLERK

Annamae Arsenault	1998
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Louis D. Golini	1997
Thomas J. O'Grady, Jr.	1998
Michael J. Rolli, Chairman	1999

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Frances F. Akell	1997
William J. Hoyt	1997
Daniel Doucot (Resigned 1996)	1998
Susan Waldman Fixman	1998
Rocco Ciccarello, Chairman	1999
Marc A. Grimaldi	1999

NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Anthony DeTeso	2000
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PLANNING BOARD

August S. Nierenhous III	1997
Frank J. Federico, Chairman	1998
Kevin Dolan	1999
Stephen R. Catalano	2000
Frank A. Vallarelli	2001

HOUSING AUTHORITY

James J. Halpin, Governor's Appointee	1996
Frederick Mosley	1998
Amelio Marrocco	1999
Vincent L. Orsillo	2000
William Jordan	2001
Mitchell B. Corbett, Executive Director	Ex-Officio

CONSTABLES

George Alger, Jr.	1997
Robert E. Moreira	1997
Bennie Pasquariello	1997

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Elizabeth DeTeso Carr	1997
Jo Ann Anderson	1998
Kenneth A. Currie, Chairman	1999
Annamae Arsenault, Town Clerk	Ex-Officio

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

William E. Abbott, Employees' Representative	1997
James J. McDermott, Jr., Employees' Representative	1999
Janice T. Houghton, Chairman	2000
Jeffrey D. Nutting, Designee of the Board of Selectmen	
Ronald J. Florino, Town Accountant	Ex-Officio

BOARD OF APPEALS

Ralph J. Zirpolo, Chairman	1997
Daniel J. Moynihan, Jr.	1998
Henry T. Sampson	1998
Lawrence C. Allen	1999
Matthew H. Kilty	1999
Dale Kershner, Associate Member	1997
Francis P. Mitrano, Associate Member	1997

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Robert Hogan, School Department
Frank Angelosanto
Marie Eicher
Robert Simpson
Roger Sullivan

CONSERVATION COMISSION

Dominic Ottavi	1997
Stephan Shea, Chairman	1997
Robert E. Conway	1998
Michael J. Rotondi	1998
Robert Parsons	1999
Kevin A. Gregory	1999
Virginia Wootten	1999

COUNCIL ON AGING

Estelle Bertolino	1997
Denise J. Healy	1997
Rhoda Zubick (Appointed 4/25/95 to fill unexpired term and resigned 10/16/96)	1997
Romeo P. Capuano	1998
Rocco Zizza (Resigned 5/11/96)	1998
Peter P. Savelo (Appointed 8/27/96 to fill unexpired term)	1998
Dorothy Collins	1999
Vesta E. Kearney	1999
Norma Nicolazzo	1999
John Mossali, Chairman	2000
Miriam R. Moore	2000
Ann Sibley	2000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Fire Chief William McLaughlin
Police Chief Eugene M. Passaro
David A. Portman, Action Ambulance Service, Inc.
Jack Twomey, RN, CEN, EMT-M, Boston Regional Medical Center

FINANCE & ADVISORY BOARD

Anthony C. Kennedy, Chairman	1997
Kristen T. Wigandt, Vice Chairman	1997
Joseph N. Alexander (Resigned 1996)	1997
Richard S. Gregorio	1997
Paula J. Sasso	1997
Max Arai (Resigned 1996)	1998
Jeanne Craigie (Resigned 1996)	1998
John F. Mahoney	1998
Joseph D. Vittiglio	1998
John Warren	1998
Robert Fotino	1999
Richard W. Lent	1999
David Rourke	1999
Kristin Russo	1999

COMMISSION FOR THE HANDICAPPED

John Moran, Chairman

Robert Webber

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Ernest Paicopolos	1997
Paulene S. Russo	1997
Peter M. Bracciotti, Chairman	1998
Stephen E. Rotondi	1998
Elizabeth M. Whelan	1998
Wayne E. Higley, Jr.	1999
Rosemarie McDonald	1999

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Joanne B. Harriman, President
Donald L. Hutcheson, Vice President
Fanny H. Tincker, Secretary
Donald F. Marchant, Treasurer
Mary K. Marchant, Curator
Joanne B. Harriman, Historian

MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

Dr. Ellen Bueschel	Ex-Officio
Annamae Arsenault	1998
Alan K. Melkonian	

MYSTIC VALLEY ELDER SERVICES

James A. McDonough, Jr.	9/30/97
Bridgit Ward	9/30/98

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Patrick F. Jordan, Jr. (Board of Selectmen)	1998
Dominic Ottavi (Conservation Commission)	1998
Frank Vallarelli (Planning Board)	1998
Maureen Houghton (Unicorn Recreational Area Committee)	1998
Stephen Sylvester (Youth Commission)	1998
Rosalie DeAngelis	1998
Rosemary Q. Geary	1998
Charles F. Houghton	1998
Darin John Leahy	1998
James A. McDonough	1998
Philip A. Platcow	1998

RAILROAD LAND USE COMMITTEE

Cameron Bain, Chairman	Lawrence Allen
John W. Biggio	Gavin Cockfield
Robert Conway	Collette Creedon
Timothy Cummings	Peter Daniels
Linda Moody	Robert Vercollone
Kristen Wigandt	

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jill Geisler
Deborah Roberts

Robert Grover
Cheryl Werlin

STONEHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL

Susan K. Doucette	6/28/97
Maureen Houghton	10/11/97
Susan Owrtsky	10/11/97
Betsy Rotondi	10/11/97
Theresa Ward	10/11/97
Sheila Foley	10/11/98
Susan Larson	10/11/98

TOWN HALL ORGAN COMMITTEE

Bruce Netten

UNICORN RECREATIONAL AREA COMMITTEE

Theresa M. DiBlasi	1997
William R. Jackson	1997
Paul O'Brien	1997
Michael J. Armstrong	1998
Charles A. Doherty	1998
Harold G. Paicopolos, Jr.	1998
Maureen Houghton	1999
Kevin C. McLaughlin, Chairman	1999
James Sarno	1999

VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

Paul E. McDonald, Chairman
Wayne Higley, Jr.
James McDonough
Joseph Saunders

William Curran (Deceased 1996)
Robert F. Ledbetter
Harry Orcutt, Chief (MRC)
James Standish

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

William L. Curran, Chairman (Deceased 1996)
Mary S. Bond
Frederick Mosley
Guerino Tamburrini

Joseph DeSisto
Frank Gilson
Francis Roberts

WATER AND SEWER USE ORDINANCE HEARING BOARD

Therese DiBlasi, Designee of Selectmen	1998
Michael J. Rotondi, Designee of Town Moderator	1998
Robert E. Grover, Town Engineer	Ex-Officio
James Efstatihou, Designee of Finance & Advisory Board	1997
Charles Doherty, Member at Large	1998

YOUTH COMMISSION

Dr. J.F. Killory	1997
Patricia Kilty	1997
Marc Grimaldi	1998
Stephen P. Sylvester	1998
Denise Healy	1999
Stephen G. McDonough	1999
Robert O'Keefe, Jr., Chairman	1999

APPOINTED TOWN POSITIONS

Jeffrey D. Nutting	Town Administrator
William H. Solomon, Esq.....	Town Counsel
Thomas Cicatelli.....	Town Treasurer/Tax Collector
Clara DiMarco	Assistant Town Treasurer/Tax Collector
Ronald J. Florino	Town Accountant
William McLaughlin	Fire Chief
Eugene M. Passaro.....	Police Chief
Ellen Bueschel	Superintendent of Schools
Hugh E. Williams, Jr.	Library Director
Robert E. Grover	Public Works Director
Robert Columbus	Inspector of Buildings
Carl Saunders	Director of Veterans Services
William McLaughlin	Director of Civil Preparedness
Robert Columbus	Fence Viewer

TOWN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Citizens Elect:

Board of Selectmen
School Committee
Town Clerk
Board of Assessors
Planning Board
Constables
Library Trustees
Board of Health
*Housing Authority
Moderator
Northeast Metropolitan Regional
Vocational School Representative

Selectmen Appoint:

Town Administrator
Town Counsel
Town Accountant
Selectmen's Office Staff
Council on Aging
Board of Appeals
Conservation Commission
Commission for the Handicapped
Historical Commission
Registrars of Voters
Unicorn Recreational Area Committee
Designee to Board of Retirement
Youth Commission
All multi-member Boards/Commissions

*Four Elected, One Appointed by State EOCD

School Committee Appoints:

Superintendent of Schools

Town Administrator Appoints:

Building and Wire Inspector.
Dog Officer
Fire Chief
Police Chief
Town Engineer
Treasurer/Tax Collector
Director of Veterans Services
All Other Officers and Employees

Superintendent of Schools Appoints:

School staff

Library Trustees Appoint:

Library Director

Moderator Appoints:

Finance & Advisory Board
Ad Hoc Committees

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Memorial Day Parade on Montvale Avenue. Left to right: Selectman Jordan, Selectman Conti, Chairman Biggio, Selectman Ciccarello, and Selectman Vaughan. *Bill Ryerson Photo, Courtesy of Stoneham Independent.*

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to present the 1996 Annual Report to the residents of Stoneham in accordance with Section 2-31 of the Town Code, which reads as follows:

Every officer in charge of a department shall annually, on or before the tenth day of January, transmit to the Selectmen, in writing, a report containing a statement of the acts and doings of his department for the past financial year; such report shall be printed in the annual Report.

On April 2, 1996, John W. Biggio was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board of Selectmen.

On April 9, 1996, the Board reorganized. John W. Biggio was elected Chairman; Mark T. Vaughan, Vice-Chairman; Albert B. Conti, Secretary; Cosmo M. Ciccarello and Patrick F. Jordan, Jr., Members. Muriel Doherty was reappointed Clerk to the Board.

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 2-45, of the Town Code, William H. Solomon was reappointed Town Counsel for the Town of Stoneham on March 26, 1996.

Ronald J. Florino was reappointed Town Accountant on March 26, 1996 for a three year period.

Revenue in the amount of \$30,229.72 was collected in the office of the Selectmen during 1996 and deposited with the Town Treasurer. The licenses processed which generated such funds were Auctioneer, Automatic Amusement Machines, Miniature Golf, Class I - New Car Dealer, Class II - Used Car Dealers, Juke Boxes, Common Victuallers, Carnival Licenses, Public Entertainment on Sundays, Club Liquor Licenses, Restaurant and Function Room Liquor Licenses, Package Goods Store Liquor Licenses, Special Permits, Cable Franchise, Taxicabs, and Limousines. Also, many gifts were donated to the Town. IYH Corp. (owner of property on which BJ's is located) donated \$10,000 for public safety; Stoneham Savings Bank, W.G. Leavitt & Son Insurance Agency, and D.A.R.E. and

Stoneham Community Policing each donated \$750 and Thomas O'Connor donated \$775 for Community Concerts; and Whip Hill Trust donated \$10,000 towards the maintenance of Whip Hill. In addition, Boston Regional Medical Center made a payment of \$53,927.50 in lieu of taxes; CHEM Medical made a payment of \$21,781.25 in lieu of taxes; and Stoneham Housing Authority made a payment of \$5,184 in lieu of taxes.

Several applications were processed under the Helen Walcott Stockwell Trust, which covers payment of medical bills for needy Stoneham residents. Funds were distributed to various hospitals and physicians.

Seven (7) lots are available at Lindenwood Cemetery to be used for the burial of indigent Stoneham residents. Mrs. Edna H. Kirts donated eight lots to the Town in memory of her father, Charles Cloudman, On October 16, 1979.

The Board of Selectmen met 42 times during the year. Also, there were four Town Meetings Held in 1996. Members of the Board attended many sub-committee meetings and meetings of other committees, boards, and commissions, in addition to attending conferences. The Board of Selectmen made appointments to the boards and committees during the year. Several Public Hearings were held relative to site plan approval; public utilities as to installation of poles and conduits; public input as to the proposed Town Common; and determination and adoption of local tax revenue to be borne by each class of real and personal property.

This past year the Board has been greatly involved

with meetings concerning the different proposals for the Town Common and Off-Street Parking. A final plan was selected by the Board to be put before the voters at Town Meeting. Although the Town Common and off-street parking failed at the December Special Town Meeting, another Special Town Meeting was held in January of 1997, at which time the Town Common and Off-Street Parking Articles were voted.

In December, the annual Senior Citizen Holiday Party, hosted by the Board of Selectmen, was held at Anthony's in Malden. About 250 seniors enjoyed dinner, a band, and many raffle prizes, all donated by Woburn District Court and several businesses. The Board thanks the Woburn District Court, the many local businesses and individuals, and Michael Rolli. The party is made possible through their generous donations and their services.

The members of the Board of Selectmen continue to make themselves accessible to the public for comments, recommendations, complaints, and requests. The Board members receive countless phone calls at home regarding issues and requests for service or assistance. In addition to the many functions required by law, the Board's office also receives requests, concerns, and input on issues. As the Board of Selectmen sets policy for the Town, this input from the citizens and Town departments is necessary and valuable and is always welcomed by the Board.

The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank all Town officers, employees, and members of committees for their efforts and dedication.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

I am pleased to submit my 1996 Annual report. It is the first time in four years that the Town's financial health can be reported as "stable".

We ended FY96 with a free cash surplus at \$1,250,000, which is a long way from our FY93 free cash position of (-\$393,000).

The Board of Selectmen has established a vision to "improve the quality of life in Stoneham"

To that end several issues are ongoing as 1996 comes to an end. The renovation of the Senior Center began in the summer and is expected to be completed by September 1, 1997. The Unicorn Arena is undergoing major renovations, including a new compressor, dehumidifier, and Theater. The upgrade of Recreation Park is almost complete and the Tot Lot was dedicated to long-time Youth Commission member and Chairman Ralph Arsenault on August 23, 1996. Improvements to the Broadway soccer fields were completed and it will be back in use in 1997.

The Streetscape and Facade Programs in Stoneham Square were completed including new crosswalks, street lights, benches, trash receptacles along with new signs, awnings and improvements to several commercial buildings.

Town Meeting also approved funding to commence a sidewalk replacement plan, upkeep of the recreation fields and traffic islands and new landscaping for the Town Hall.

The collection of refuse and recycling at over one thousand condominium units began in July.

Town Meeting approved funding for a geographic information system (GIS). It is our goal to implement the GIS over the next couple of years.

The Town settled a year-long dispute with Atlantic Gelatin of Woburn over the price they were charged for water. The agreement resulted in a twenty-five year agreement to sell water to Atlantic Gelatin and an additional \$350,000 in revenue to the Town.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following employees, who retired in 1996, for their many years of dedicated service to the Town.

Cornelia Rawson, Library
Elizabeth Whelan, Library
Marianne Minghella, Library
John Burke, Department of Public Works
John Doyle, Board of Assessors
John Kelly, Police Department
Joseph Lally Fire Department
Dr. John Danis, Town Physician

The years ahead remain a challenge. The Town recently approved a \$4.6 million project to create a Town Common and Parking for over one hundred vehicles. The Police Station is in need of repairs and enlargement. The schools have been overlooked for decades and now need to be updated. These projects along with the normal upkeep of equipment and facilities require diligence and fiscal prudence.

Our thanks to Senator Richard Tisei, Representatives Paul Casey and Patrick Guerriero, who vigorously represented the Town's best interests on several fronts. We appreciate their never ending efforts.

My Thanks to all the departments and employees for another tremendous effort in servicing the citizens of Stoneham.

A special thanks to my support staff, Betty Luciano, Ginny Ray and Arlene Zamagni, for their dedication and commitment to the Town of Stoneham.

My best wishes to all for a happy and healthy 1997.

Jeffrey D. Nutting
Town Administrator

BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals met twelve times in 1996 when twenty six hearings were conducted. There were twenty one variances allowed, five for signs. Two appeals were denied.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The members of the Board of Assessors are:

John J. Hanright	Chairman
Craig Celli	Secretary
Richard D. Mangerian	Member

The members of the office staff are:

Elaine E. Moore	Director of Assessing
Diane F. Lawrence	Admin. Assessing
	Assistant
Michelle Meagher	Temporary Clerk

During calendar year 1996 the Assessors office was extremely busy compiling information for the last two quarters tax bill for FY95 and the tax bills for FY96. With four tax bills going out yearly, the work is constant and must be kept up to date daily. Also during 1996 a complete update was done of all real estate and personal property.

In January long time chairman George Riccardelli resigned from the Board after 23 years of service. Mr. Riccardelli has been an appraiser and real estate broker for many years and his expertise in the appraisal business and assessing will be greatly missed. In April an election was held and Craig Celli was elected for one year to finish Mr. Riccardelli's term. Mr. Celli will have to run again in 1997.

The work in the office is constant. There is certain work that must be done daily, weekly, or on a monthly basis. Forms are sent to the Dept. of Revenue monthly and quarterly. Also the office meets with taxpayers coming in to check and discuss assessments, file for excise tax abatements, checking the size of their lots on the maps, and just general information. We have a computer on the counter for the public's use. Information can be accessed by name, street or parcel identification number. This system is very convenient for people coming to the office for information, especially real estate appraisers and salespersons.

Since nearly everyone in the community receives an excise tax bill, there are many bills that must be reviewed for many different reasons. If a vehicle is taken off the road, or plates returned to the Registry, or a vehicle sold, or insurance canceled, an abatement is issued once proof has been shown. A report with all excise tax abatements must be sent to the Accountant and balanced with the Tax Collector's office on a monthly basis. Approximately 30% of all excise bills require some sort of adjustment. As the town receives over 24,000 bills, a considerable amount of time and work is spent on excise tax.

The first priority in the Assessors office is the valuation of all real estate and personal property. The office must ensure that each piece of property is properly identified with the correct owner and the mailing address of the owner. The office receives all deeds filed at the Registry of Deeds in Cambridge on a monthly basis. This includes not only sales, but any type of change in title such as putting property in trust, adding another person's name to the title, deleting a name or changing the type of ownership. All types of changes must be made to the property on the computer and all changes must be recorded and sent to the Department of Revenue monthly. This is one of the procedures used by the DOR to set a community's equalized value and check on assessments. As fiscal year 1997 is the year of an update for Stoneham, the work on the update was done during 1996 with assistance from Patriot Properties. In April a Request for Proposal was sent out and Patriot Properties won the bid. The work on the update was begun in June and continued until October. In November representatives from the Department of Revenue came to the office to review all the values and the procedures used to assess the property. Forms must be sent to various state agencies, who must also review the work. After that was completed, we were given permission to have a public disclosure period, which was November 12 through 20. After that any corrections that were made were sent to the Department of Revenue. Once that was done, we were given permission to begin the process of setting the tax rate. That process takes a considerable amount of time as approximately 20 different forms must be completed and balanced. The Department received all the town meeting spending figures, all the local receipts, all the state receipts from the "cherry sheet", and any other local expenditure that must be raised when setting the tax rate. Once these forms are finished, a public hearing with the Board of Selectmen was held on Dec. 10th. At that hearing the Selectmen were given all the necessary information for them to make a decision on if there should be a split tax rate and what percentage should be voted. Because this is a public hearing several citizens make known their reasons why there should be no change in the percentage. The Selectmen voted to continue with a split tax rate with a 112% split. The forms were finalized the next day and all of the information on the FY97 tax rate was sent into the Department of Revenue for their approval of the rate.

All unpaid water/sewer bills as of June 30th are liened against the next year's real estate tax bills. At that time the water/sewer books are closed and a list of all unpaid water/sewer bills are given to our department and have to be added to the tax records. This past year was the high-

est, the total being \$495,000. There were over 1,000 accounts that had water/sewer liens added.

The Assessors office is charged with handling the statutory exemptions for the town. A statutory exemption is a deduction in the amount of real estate taxes paid. There are various reasons why a person would qualify for an exemption. Anyone applying for an exemption must fill out a form first. Exemptions include disabled veterans, which requires certification from the Veterans Administration; surviving spouses; senior citizens; blind persons, which requires certification from the Division of the Blind; tax deferrals; and certain persons having grave financial problems. Each application must be handled on an individual basis to insure legal compliance before it can be approved or disapproved. Once an exemption has been given, a certificate must be sent to the taxpayer. A copy of that certificate is given to the tax Collector's office also. If it is denied, a denial form is sent. All these financial transactions must be balanced with the Accounting Dept. and the Treasurer/Collector's office on a monthly basis. Also a detailed form must be sent to the Dept. of Revenue yearly advising them the number of exemptions authorized and the amount of money exempted, so the town can be partially reimbursed. There are nearly 1,000 exemptions given yearly. Applications for abatements and exemptions, which are filed by the taxpayer, are not public information, but the certificates sent to the taxpayer are public information.

As in previous years, quarterly bills were sent out last year. The first two bills are estimated bills, which are

one quarter of the bill paid in the previous year. The actual bills were sent out in December 1996. The total value of the town was \$1,359,521,600. The fiscal year 1997 tax rate for residential property is \$16.41 and the commercials \$18.75.

In June, John "Dubba" Doyle retired from the Assessing department. Mr. Doyle had worked in the department as Assistant Assessor for 18 years. Mr. Doyle had great knowledge of the town of Stoneham and assessing. Having him in the office on a daily basis has been a great assistance to the department. He will continue to assist the office on a part time contractual basis. Elaine Moore was promoted and the position title changed to Director of Assessing. Ms. Moore has over 32 ears of service with the Assessing Department. Diane Lawrence was temporarily promoted to Administrative Assessing Assistant until collective bargaining agreements can be reached. Diane has 20 years with the Town of Stoneham.

In September, Michelle Meagher was hired on a temporary part time basis to assist the office with clerical help. She has done excise tax work, filing, waiting on customers at the counter and in general assisting Diane Lawrence and Elaine Moore.

It is impossible to do all the work that must be done by the Assessing Department without the cooperation of all the other departments in the town. We wish to express our appreciation for all the assistance given to us each year.

BUILDING & WIRE DEPARTMENT

The Building Department is pleased to present the 1996 Annual Report.

The major function of the Building Department is to administer and enforce the Massachusetts State Building Code. The building code was established to ensure public safety, health and welfare insofar as they are affected by building construction through structural strength, adequate egress facilities, sanitary conditions, electrical equipment, light ventilation and fire safety: and, in general, to secure safety to life and property.

Additionally, the building department enforces the Stoneham Zoning Bylaws.

Plumbing, Gas and Electrical Inspectors are an intricate part of the enforcement system. The members of the building staff are:

Robert Columbus, Inspector of Buildings.

John F. Kelley, Part time Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Richard R. Cantanzaro, Part time Electrical Inspector

Rosemary Q. Geary, Clerk

The building department budget for fiscal year 1996/1997 is \$109,850.00. The total revenue received for the year 1996 was \$346,462.00.

THE WARREN E. BURGER CHAIR FOUNDATION



Stoneham Public School students participating in September 17th public reading of the United States Constitution.

"WE THE PEOPLE" celebrated the 209th anniversary of the signing of Our Constitution on Tuesday, September 17, Stoneham Public Library, at 7:00 PM.

With this public reading THE WARREN E. BURGER CHAIR FOUNDATION of Stoneham, MA began the commemoration of the annual, national Constitution Week, September 17-23.

Young Readers of our Constitution included: Nicole Nollett and Michael Labriola of The Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School, Wakefield: Christina Santoro and Lara Sarmanian of the Central School: Aidan Kelley, Aditi Sinha, Jared Byrne and Beth Mata of The South School. Adult Readers included Stephen Rotondi, David Fournier, Valerie Mata, John Kelley and Paul McDonald.

Since 1955, Presidents have proclaimed Constitution Week to remind all Americans that the Constitution is an important part of our daily lives. It protects our rights. It shapes our public debates. It is what millions have taken an oath to defend.

In 1899, President Andrew Johnson wrote: "The time has come to take the constitution down, to unroll it, to re-read it, and to understand its provisions thoroughly". In 1987, Chief Justice Warren E. Burger said "How can we understand [the Constitution] unless we first read it.

How appropriate this year, 1996, that Constitution Week began on Tuesday, September 17, Primary Day in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SUMMER CONCERTS, 1996

Every life needs music. "Music has been proven to be one of those experiences that will bring a lifetime of benefits..both to the player and to the listener.." Music has been called the universal language...the musician shares the music and the audience returns its emotions to the musician. For a second summer, The Town of Stoneham SUMMER CONCERTS Committee carefully planned "something for everyone" during the seven evening performances on the lawn of Town Hall. The goal of the Committee is to present a series of free concerts that are donated by musicians or sponsored by members of our business community and organizations with ties to our community.

The 1996 Free Summer concert Series included:

June 26: ROY NUTILE BIG BAND MUSIC FOR DANCING sponsored by W.G. Leavitt & Son Insurance Agency, Inc., Stoneham. The Community Talent segment featured Liana Lee, violinist, student of Joanne Tedesco at Creative Arts in Reading.

July 10: THE WOBURN CITY BAND, with Jon A. Asgeirsson, Conductor, sponsored by Stoneham Savings Bank, presented a "Gala Pops Concert" in the Town Hall Auditorium. Before the concert, Bruce C. Netten entertained the concert patrons with music played on our towns Wurlitzer Organ.

July 12: ANNIE & THE ORPHANS BAND [music of the 50s and 60s] with special appearance by "Elvis" was sponsored by Stoneham D.A.R.E. Program and the community Policing Unit of the Stoneham Police Department.

July 24: The return engagement of the ever-popular KATHY & THE IRISH AMERICANS was compliments of our Town's Board of Selectmen.

August 7: THE MDC YOUTH BAND CONCERT, under the direction of Joe Brogan, performed with compliments from the Metropolitan District Commissioner, David B. Balfour, Jr. The "Community Talent" this evening featured Stoneham High School Senior, Ann Palumbo.

August 18: The Firemens' Association sponsored THE MIKE FLYNN BAND featuring Stoneham's own lead vocalist, "Irish Mike Flynn on "Rhythm Guitar" and Stoneham's saxophonist, Bob Solano.

August 21: THE CHICK RADD BIG SWING EXPRESS, sponsored by Thomas O'Connor, brought the audience to its feet with the popular swing jazz tunes.

In summary: the following words were spoken by Joseph Cioni, President of STONEHAM SAVINGS BANK, sponsor the July 10th Concert.

"It is a pleasure to be sponsor of community events such as this where neighbors gather in the heart of the community to enjoy music, each other, and our hometown of Stoneham.

"Events like this are very important to our community. They give us a chance to enjoy and appreciate the gifts we so often take for granted...our town's center, our town's open spaces, our town's people.

"Events like this help remind us of what we have to be thankful for and often call us to volunteer our time or money to help with other valuable community events or causes.

"Events like this help build community pride and nourish community involvement. Not to mention being a lot of fun."

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

COUNCIL ON AGING

Members for the year 1996 were Chairman Stephan Shea, Vice Chairman, Michael Rotondi, Robert Conway, Kevin Gregory, Virginia Wootten, Dominic Ottavi and our newest member Robert Parsons. Volunteer members are appointed for three year terms. Staff to the Commission includes June Trainor, Clerk, and Jim Previte, Manager of Whip Hill Park. The Commission has also hired the services of Barbara Gard. Ms. Gard, an expert in the field of Wetlands Science, was hired to assist The Commission with the many technical issues that arise throughout the year.

The primary duty of the Commission is to enforce the provisions of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act as required by the Department of Environmental Protection.

During the 1996 calendar year the Stoneham Conservation Commission held 14 meetings during which 18 public hearings were conducted. The following actions occurred as a result of the hearings:

Site visits	12
Orders of Conditions issued:	9
Extensions of Orders of	
Conditions Granted:	4
Certificates of Compliance Issued:	5
Enforcement Orders issued:	1

The Commission also oversees, in partnership with the Whip Hill Trust and the Town of Stoneham, the management of Whip Hill Park which is located off Perkins Street. The park is open year-round to the public for picnicking, nature walks, and ice skating on the pond. Whip Hill accommodates civic group functions throughout the year such as Garden Club meetings, Scouting events and visits by school groups.

The Commission looks forward to serving the Town of Stoneham in 1997.

1996 was a most unusual year for the Council on Aging. Halfway through the year we moved out of our building at 136 Elm Street and into Town Hall. Work on the renovation project started on August 20, 1996 by the M. O'Connor Contracting, Inc. firm. It is progressing very well. The Senior Center moved into the Town Hall Banquet Room after a thorough search for a temporary site in town did not produce a suitable alternative. Many thanks to the 209 Club members who voted to allow us to use Finnegan Hall for a meal site. However, the Town Administrator decided we should try to keep all our programs in one location. Thank you also to the Middle School, Steve Rotondi and All Saints Church members who also tried to accommodate our activities. One of our members., Rhoda Zubick resigned from the Council due to illness. Our Friends Group has been reactivated. Peter Savelo was elected President of the group which welcomed 39 new members. Planning for future programs is underway. Review of policies, volunteer training, and delivery of services will begin in March.

We have had donations to the Renovation Fund in the form of memorials from the families and friends of deceased members Joe Crupi, Bill and Irene Veitch, Al Pope, Mae Matayabas, Laura Holden, and additional donations from the Bridge Club, Vera's Line Dance Group, Mary DeVeau, Arts & Crafts ladies, Dr Bob Connolly and Ruby O'Brien. Items donated: 4 sets of picnic tables with benches, a General Electric refrigerator, from Spot Pond Shelter, a 386 IBM computer from Sunnyhurst Realty, a Panasonic typewriter and table from Tony DiPietro and arts and crafts supplies from individuals and the Congregational Church. Thank you to all.

Our Garden Therapy instructor, Gail Melkonian, plans to resume her class at the new center. A new class, Fitness For Seniors, began under the direction of instructor, Sharon Graves. It is jointly sponsored by the senior center and BRMC. Mr. Wu continues his Tai Chi class. Vera Crupi retired from teaching Line Dance. We certainly miss her. Chiara White is teaching dance on Thursdays. A new diabetes Support Group led by Mystic Valley personnel was formed.

The 1995/1996 winter with its 100+ inches of snow curtailed many of the senior center programs and activities. The moisture from melting snow also caused further damage to an already damaged building. Renovation comes just-in time.

Two 16 passenger mini-buses received from the state in 1989 via a Mobility Access grant now officially belong to the town. Mr. James Peterson has worked as a substitute

driver during the year when needed. Formula Grant funds were released this year due to the good work done by the Mass Councils on Aging and our legislative delegation. Stoneham received \$16,786 this year. The funds are used to subsidize weekly shopping shuttle buses to Redstone. In addition to the shopping shuttle buses funds are used to provide computer technical assistance, substitute driver, professional dues and registration for the annual conference for Council members and Director. Celebrations held this year were: Sept.12, groundbreaking ceremony and reception, Halloween ice cream social, and costume parade with employees. Purpose School, and Our Place children. Veteran's Day luncheon; High School Sunday Dinners; Thanksgiving dinner and Selectman's Party at Anthony's in Malden, (a huge success) Many people helped us during the year including Jason Neri who moved tons of records so we could have office space in the basement. Also thanks to Adam Craigie for the Shuffleboard Court and benches. Both young men earned Eagle Scout badges for these projects.

Transportation plays a large role in delivery of services to elders. Almost 17,000 miles are logged during the year. The daily lunch program serves 800-900 meals a year. Health clinics by Board of Health nurses care for elders and others at blood pressure, diabetes screening and Flu shot clinics.

Telephone outreach, personal outreach, information and referral, scheduling and dispatch of rides, activity and programs, private counseling make up the rest of the center's duties.

We are looking forward to moving into the newly renovated facility in the Fall. All systems: heat; electricity, HVAC; elevator; roofing; windows; exterior painting and landscaping will have been finished by then and ready for the grand opening. A bright future awaits all Stoneharn elders and residents who will enjoy the facilities.

STONEHAM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Organizational Chart Town of Stoneham Emergency Management Team 1996

William C. McLaughlin
Fire Chief Town of Stoneham
Emergency Management Director

Charles Fitzgerald
Fire Captain Stoneham Fire Department
Deputy Emergency Management Director

Barbara Bouzan
Administrative Asst.
Emergency Management Team

Jeff Nutting Town Administrator Administrator	William Solomon Town Counsel Legal	Herbert Moore Police Sergeant Police
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Joe Rolli Captain Fire Dept Fire	Charles Fitzgerald Captain Fire Dept. E.M.A. Training	Fire Dept. Dispatch Warning
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Edith Reed Shelters	Ben Pasquariello RADAFF	Joe Rolli Captain Fire Dept. Training
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Richard Hasting Aux Fire Dept.	Gerry Sullivan Aux. Police Dept
Frank P. McManmon Sector Director	Kevin Tully Regional Director

First of all I would like to thank the other departments and boards of the Town of Stoneham as well as the volunteers whose help I have received in 1996.

1996 was a busy year for the Stoneham Emergency Management Team, the Director, Deputy Director and other team members attended monthly meeting, seminars, and courses to prepare for any future disaster.

Stoneham Emergency Management Team continues to be an active partner in the prototype, "Mystic Regional L.E.P.C.". The Mystic Regional L.E.F.C. is nine communities that have joined together to provide resources in the event of a disaster. The other communities are Medford, Malden, Melrose, Winthrop, Revere, Chelsea, Everett, Saugus, and of course Stoneham.

On November 8, 1996 the Stoneham Emergency Management Team participated in a Haz/Mat drill in Malden

to test the response, planning and team work of the Mystic Regional L.E.P.C.



Stoneham's new auxiliary lighting unit, purchased in 1996.

AUXILIARY FIRE DEPARTMENT

In "96" we saw the replacement of our old Lighting Plant which was no longer feasible to try to keep running. It was replaced with a 1989 Ford van type ambulance that was purchased from Action Ambulance. The new truck is equipped with three portable generators, that allows us to cover a wide area, as well as being able to handle two or three scenes at the same time.

The new vehicle is large enough to carry all our lighting equipment, but still small enough to go through the woods when needed.

In January, members of the department were called out to assist in shoveling out hydrants at public buildings and nursing homes. At the beginning of the month, mem-

bers were called out to assist Wakefield at a train crash at the Forest St. crossing.

Members responded to many structure fires during the year including 2 fires that were back to back during adverse weather conditions.

Members were taken on tours of the Logan Airport Fire Department, Boston Fire Department Rescue and a tour of Boston Harbor on the Boston Fire Boat. A tour of the Medflight at Hanscom Air Force Base was very educational.

During the year the Department spent many hours training which included CPR, lighting procedures, changing air tanks, proper handling of ladders and use of the Fire Department's new rescue air bags.

The department has grown to 12 Auxiliary Firefighters and 16 Fire Explorers. All Firefighters over the age of 21 must also serve as Advisors for the Explorers.

Between training, details and fire calls the department put in 2,125 hours of volunteer time.

The Auxiliary Department consist of the following members: Chief Rick Hastings, Capt. Tom Pszenny, Lieut. John Galla and Firefighters; Mike Soper, Lisa Parziale, Jay Halpin, Christina Lowry, Marlene Galla, Rachael Dole, Robert Satori, Steve Rubman, and Bert Johnson.

The Explorer Department consists of the following: Chief Jim McLaughlin, Deputy Chief Kevin White, Capt. David Bishop, Capt. Michael Martin, Lieut. Derek Loftus, Lieut. Jason Callahan, Explorers, Shara Hastings, John Heggarty, Jason Robblee, Ron Mikol, Ryan White, Steve Ball, David Solok, Jessie Bell, Jeff McLaughlin and Thomas Taranti.



Front Row (seated): Robert Satori, Kevin White, Tom Taranti, Dave Ball. **Second Row:** Steve Rubman, Marlene Galla, Lisa Parziale, John Galla, Rick Hastings, Tom Pszenny, Chrissy Lowry, Rachael Dole, Mike Soper.



Front Row, left to right: Shara Hastings, Allison Sawyer, Derek Loftus, Jason Robblee, Mike Martin, Jeff McLaughlin, Ron Mikol. **Second Row (seated):** Robert Satori, Kevin White, Tom Taranti, Dave Bishop. **Back Row:** Jesse Bell, Steve Rubman, Marlene Galla, Lisa Parziale, John Galla, Rick Hastings, Tom Pszenny, Jim McLaughlin, Chrissy Lowry, Rachael Dole, Mike Soper, Steve Ball.



EXPLORER POST MEMBERS, **Front Row:** Jesse Bell, Derek Loftus, Allison Sawyer, Jeff McLaughlin, Jason Robblee. **Second Row (seated):** Ron Mikol, Shara Hastings, Tom Taranti, Chrissy Lowry. **Third Row (standing):** Mike Martin, Jim McLaughlin, Robert Satori, Steve Ball, Dave Bishop, Kevin White, Rachael Dole.

AUXILIARY POLICE DEPARTMENT STONEHAM POLICE AUXILIARY

Commissioner Bennie Pasquariello

Chief Gerald F. Sullivan

Deputy Chief August Niewenhous

Lieutenants Richard Baker Michael Colonna
William Connell

Sergeant Daniel Marsden Robert Walsh

Patrolmen	Joseph Allwood	Donald Coucette
Paul McIntyre	Jeff Buchanan	Fred Kranefuss
James Murph	Thomas Day	George Lessard
Joseph Ponzo	Rob DeBole	John Lazzaro
Darren Weisse	Anthony DiCicco	David Luciano
Duane Weisse	Kevin DiNapoli	Louis Mascia

Recruits Douglas Eames Eugene Ianniciello
Sean Puleo

TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

All auxiliary police officers assigned to street duty are graduates of Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Academy for reserve and Intermittent police officers, and receive additional in service training from the Stoneham Police Department. Each year we are certified in C.P.R. and qualify with firearms meeting the same requirements and standards as regular police officers. Every three years we are certified in First Responder.

DUTIES:

We provide two man patrols every Friday and Saturday from 7:00 p.m to 12:00 p.m. and longer if requested by the officer in charge. We also put extra patrols out on occasions like Halloween. Our patrols cover all town build-

ings, schools, playgrounds, and fields. We provide crowd and traffic control for many town functions such as Town Day, Whip Hill Christmas, Square Lighting Ceremony, road races, parades, etc. We assist the regular police department as requested.

All the Stoneham Auxiliary Police would like to congratulate two of our former members, Jim McIntyre, and Ken Wilkins, and to Tony Kranefuss, son of one of our members Fred Kranefuss, who were recently appointed to the Stoneham Police Department. We wish them the best of luck.

The Stoneham Police Auxiliary donate hundreds of man hours yearly as unpaid volunteers, to the Town of Stoneham.

I would like to thank the entire membership of the Stoneham Police Auxiliary for the dedication, and service to our community.

I am extremely proud of our department.



ACADEMY GRADUATION CEREMONY—Sgt. Robert Walsh, Chief Gerald Sullivan, Officer James McIntyre, Officer Ken Wildins, Ptl. Anthony Dicicco, Deputy Chief August Niewenhous.

FINANCE AND ADVISORY BOARD

The Finance and Advisory Board continues its commitment to assist in maintaining the financial integrity of the Town of Stoneham, and to ensure that its citizens receive an adequate level of services. The budget review and monitoring continues throughout the year with the greatest emphasis from February through May, which is when the Board reviews the annual warrant and budget.

The Finance and Advisory Board began 1996 with a review of the FY97 budget and the warrant articles. This process requires the Board to meet twice weekly during February, March and April to ensure a comprehensive review, and to have input from the department heads, elected officials, the Town Administrator and the citizens.

The FY97 Budget as recommended by the Finance and Advisory Board achieved the following objectives:

- Maintain services at current levels in most departments (Modest increases in the Youth Commission's activities and in the services provided by [he Board of Health inspector were provided.)
- Continue the Five-Year Capital Plan.
- Provide funds for trash removal at condominiums, which was approved by Town Meeting at the 1995 Annual Town Meeting.
- Continue the program to repair and replace the water and sewer infrastructure.
- Continue the acceptance of private roads as public ways.

The Finance and Advisory Board presented a budget recommendation that, it believed balanced the needs of all departments and citizens and, most importantly, was within the ability of the Town to pay.

Due to conservative revenue budgeting and controlled spending efforts the Town's certified "Free Cash" as of July 1, 1996 was \$1,258,729.

At the October Annual Special Town Meeting the Finance and Advisory Board recommended and Town Meeting voted to fund several important items utilizing the Town's "Free Cash" and Overlay Reserve. Some of these items were:

- Pay cash for school repairs and equipment rather than borrowing.

- Appropriate funds to be used to complete the revaluation of all real estate and personal property.
- Appropriate funds to continue the rehabilitation of the Town's Recreational Facilities.
- Increase Stabilization Fund
- Appropriate funds to provide contract maintenance for the Main Street traffic islands, Broadway soccer fields, Recreation Park, Pomeworth Field and the Town Hall grounds.

In addition, the Town utilized funds in the General Fund and Water/Sewer Surplus Accounts to implement a Geographic Information System. The Geographic Information System will allow departments to access and provide information more efficiently.

Although the town's financial position has improved, the revenue constraints which result from Proposition 2 1/2 will continue to impose a burden on our community. The Town has little if any open space to permit much in the way of new tax growth, therefore, we will continue to be constrained in our ability to increase services and perhaps to maintain current levels. As a community, we must continue to seek innovative ways to address the needs of all departments.

The Finance and Advisory Board participated in Town Day, for the fourth year with an information booth. The materials available at the booth was designed to encourage citizens to attend Town Meetings.

Membership of the Board changed dramatically during 1996. Chairperson, Elaine B Hodson retired from the Board in June after serving five (5) years on the Board. Anthony Kennedy rejoined the Board in March after a six year absence and was elected as Chairman in June. Kristen Wigandt was re-elected as Vice Chairman and Members John Mahoney and Richard Lent continue to serve on the Board.

Six new members, Robert Fotino, Richard Gregorio, David Rourke, Paula Sasso, Joseph Vittiglio, and John Warren joined the Board in 1996. Five members retired from the Board in 1996;

Elaine B. Hodson
Joseph Alexander
Max Arai
Jeanne Craigie
Caroline Dennehy

STONEHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT



Scenes showing the Stoneham Fire Department attacking the second of two multiple alarm fires that occurred on October 20, 1996.

ORGANIZATION CHART

CHIEF
William G. McLaughlin

FIRE PREVENTION

Capt. D. Griffin

Lieut. F. Gould emt (diver)

SECRETARY

B. Bouzan

GROUP ONE

Captain

C. Fitzgerald

(asst. fire investigator)

GROUP TWO

Captain

F. Petrillo

GROUP THREE

Captain

J. Rolli emt

(fire investigator)

GROUP FOUR

Captain

J. Halpin

Lieutenant

S. Webber

(s.c.b.a. cood.)

Lieutenant

J. McLaughlin

(haz-mat)

Lieutenant

E. Regan

Lieutenant

R. Dunphy

Firefighters

K. Wynne

L. Curley

G. Crosby

M. Flynn emt

(e.m. cood./diver)

P. Kearney

A. Minotti

M. Chabak emt

Firefighters

W. Dockery

(diver)

P. Burditt

B. McMahon

S. Greenleaf

W. McNulty

J. Cryan

M. O'Sullivan emt.

Firefighters

W. Kelley

R. LeBlanc

W. Kullman

J. Scullin

(diver/haz-mat)

R. Marengi

J. Lupo emt

J. Marshall emt

Fire fighters

E. Manuel

J. Fullerton

D. Bettencourt emt

F. Brown

(diver)

P. Courtenay

(fire mech.)

W. Johnson

(fire alarm supt.)

S. Verhault

The members of the Stoneham Fire Department wish to thank all the Boards, Committees, the Town Administrator, the Town Departments and the citizens of Stoneham for their cooperation during 1995.

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT

ENGINE ONE	1977 Pirsch 1,000 gallon per minute Fire Engine This Engine is a reserve engine and is in need of major body work. It should be replaced within the next few years.
ENGINE TWO	1972 Pirsch 1,000 gallon per minute Fire Engine Engine two is our primary reserve engine.
ENGINE FOUR	1989 E-one 1,000 gallon per minute Fire Engine. This engine runs on 80% of our incidents.
ENGINE FIVE	1985 Pirsch 1,000 gallon per minute Fire Engine Engine five runs as our lead engine and is the mutual aid engine.
LADDER ONE	1995 E-one 100 foot aerial ladder truck and a 1250 G.P.M. pump ladder one is our newest piece of equipment. It was delivered November, 1995. Depending on the available manpower, it can be used as the lead engine or a ladder.
CAR THREE	1987 Ford 4 X 4 pick-up with a skid pump. Car three performs many functions. The skid pump is detachable and is mounted when it is needed in the woods to extinguish brush and woods fires in inaccessible places.
FIRE ALARM TRUCK	1987 Ford with a versalift boom. The fire alarm truck is a 1987 Ford with a new versalift boom.
CHIEF'S CAR	1992 Mercury Grand Marque.
FIRE PREVENTION CAR	1987 Ford Taurus.
In 1996 the Stoneham Fire Department took delivery of some advanced equipment which will allow them to do their job more efficiently. A set of Hurst Rescue Air Bags	

which can lift weights up to 56 tons. A gas powered 20" Super Vac venting fan, which is used to extract large amounts of smoke, heat and toxic gases from a building. A new light weight Hurst Rescue Tool with a Rescue Ram. This will assist the firefighters in the extraction of victims trapped in vehicles. Also delivered was a CO₂ meter to check for Carbon Monoxide. A Portable Water Monitor, which can deliver up to 1,000 gallon of water a minute. With all this new equipment came many hours of training for the members of the Fire Department.

1996 FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

In 1996 the Fire Department lost to retirement firefighter Joe Lally. Joe was a 19 year veteran of the Stoneham Fire Department. The town appointed firefighter Scott Greenleaf to fill the position. Firefighter Greenleaf has joined the Fire Department after attending and graduating from the Massachusetts Fire Academy's eleven week "recruit training program".

Training within the department this past year saw Officers and Firefighters attending seminars and courses in basic E.M.T., E.M.T. recertification, Fire Investigation, hazardous materials, and other fire emergency courses. Firefighters on duty continued their in-house training throughout 1996.

FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Incidents 1996	2,766
Box Alarms (full response all members on duty)	485
Still Alarms (one engine crew of three)	2,281
Medical aid assistance	999
Vehicle accidents	410
Investigations and fire	
Alarm incidents (action taken)	93
Fire Alarm Sounding (faulty or accidental)	192
fire alarm sounding (found no problem)	138
outside fires (dumpsters, brush,etc.)	75
Truck and car fires	69
Service calls (assist residents with Problems)	208
Heating system fires & Problems	56
Electrical Fires & Problems as Downed Wires (Edison, Telephone, Cable)	35
Natural & L.P. Gas fires & problems	88
Sprinkler Problems	22
False Alarms	25



Scenes showing the Stoneham Fire Department attacking the second of two multiple alarm fires that occurred on October 20, 1996

Haz/Mat Incidents	10
Fire Prevention & Training	115
Misc. Fires not Classified	55
Misc. Incidents	40
Mutual Aid (given)	69
Mutual Aid (received)	47

This year the Stoneham Fire Department responded

to 2,766 incidents. This included two multiple alarms. Two third alarms, at 65 Pleasant St and 11 Walnut St. During 1996 the Stoneham Fire Department had 44 working fires, which called for additional help to assist at the incident or to protect the town.

During this past year only 31% of the Stoneham Fire Department responses were fire related. This showed that the greater part of our responsibility is responding to al-



Scenes showing the Stoneham Fire Department attacking the second of two multiple alarm fires that occurred on October 20, 1996

most any problem or emergency that occurs in the town of Stoneham. Some examples of the 69% non-fire responses are, medical aids, which are 36% of the non-fire incidents. Fire fighters are trained year round in First Responder Medical Training so they can assist the Emergency Medical Technician and many times stabilize the victims until the ambulance arrives. Vehicle accidents make up 15% of the non-fire responses. Training is done with extraction tools so we can rescue victims trapped in vehicles. 8% Of the non-fire calls are service calls, such as water problems, house lockouts and many miscellaneous problems encountered by the citizens living and visiting the town of Stoneham. The Stoneham Fire Department makes every effort to solve any and all problems that come to them.

FIRE INVESTIGATION UNIT

The Fire Investigation Unit for the Stoneham Fire Department consists of members of the Fire Department and the Stoneham Police Department. When a large loss fire occurs in Stoneham or the cause of a fire cannot be determined by the officer in charge of the fire the unit is called in to investigate the cause and origin.

During these investigations the unit works with the co-operation of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, the State Fire Marshals Office, Massachusetts State Police and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Members of the unit attended monthly meetings and seminars as part of their training. Organizations such as the Massachusetts Chapter of the International Fire Investigators Association, the Department of the Treasury, A.T.F., the Metro Fire Arson Investigators and the New England Association of Fire Marshals hold seminars throughout the year. This unit is successful because of the training and co-operation of all the departments involved in fire investigation.

FIRE PREVENTION

The Fire Prevention Office work load increases each and every year. A genuine attempt to address the concerns and responsibility of this office was made in spite of the shortage of time available to accomplish that task.

One example of the work carried out by fire prevention this year included education of children in fire safety. This was enhanced by the new S.A.F.E. (Students Aware of Fire Safety) program which played a large part in accomplishing this goal, in conjunction with our usual school program conducted by Lt. Frank Gould it is hoped that sometime in the future a formal program along the same lines can be implemented for our senior citizens

As is usual our numbers for permits and inspections grew again in '96. Smoke detector, oil burner, L.P. gas and underground tank inspections reached new highs. Large numbers of new construction projects in town required a great amount of the Fire Prevention Officers' time as well.

The Fire Prevention Office continues the policy whereby a business up for town license renewal will be inspected to insure that code standards are maintained. This office reviews all site and building plans both commercial and residential to again insure code compliance for fire alarm sprinkler systems and general fire protection requirements.

The office is responsible for both quarterly inspections for certain health care facilities and assurance that state requirements for fire drills in the schools are carried out.

Other responsibilities of this office consist of issuing temporary permits, such as tar kettles, repairs for sprinkler and alarm systems as well as flammable permits.

The Fire Prevention Office is always willing to assist both commercial and residential interests in any area of fire prevention and code compliance where our expertise is needed or desired.

Aggressive fire prevention programs at the local level are keystones to reducing fire losses and personal injury. It is hoped the Town will make a commitment to that end addressed through full time manning of the Fire Prevention Office in the near future.

STONEHAM FIRE ALARM

Stoneham Fire Alarm consists of three firefighters, Walter Johnson, (Superintendent), William Dockery, and John Scullin.

The Department has a 1987 ford utility truck with a 1996 bucket that was purchased by the town this year thereby replacing the 1970 one.

There are nine town circuits and four mutual aid circuits. The work done by Fire Alarm Personnel this year was mostly maintaining our systems. Insurance proceeds covered the cost of repairs. We also replaced a few poles during the year. The replacement of the bucket has been of great help in working on our system.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health is pleased to submit its annual report for the year 1996. The Board is comprised of the following elected officials: Michael J. Rolli, Chairman; Louis D. Golini, Vice Chairman; Thomas O'Grady, Jr., Secretary.

Support staff includes:

Jeanine Aniello	Health Inspector
Frederick Mosley	Health Inspector
Jean O'Melia, RN	Senior Nurse
Marjorie Neylon, RN	Assistant Nurse
Virginia Ray	Clerk/Agent
Sgt. Thomas Taranti	Interim Animal Control Officer

The Health Department investigated a total of 121 complaints in the following categories:

Animal	9
Dumpster	14
Food Service	37
Hazardous Waste	4
Housing	25
Miscellaneous	2
Unsanitary Condition	30

In addition, the Health Inspectors performed 523 inspections in the following categories:

Food Service - Routine	107
Food Service - Follow-up	115
Housing Follow-up Inspections	96
All other follow-up Inspections	205

The Clerk/Agent issued 477 licenses in 1996:

FOOD SERVICE

Bakery	5
Caterers	2
Frozen Dessert/Ice Cream	48
Milk	65
Restaurants	66
Retail Stores	30
School Cafeterias	6
Supermarkets	3
All Other Food Service	11

MISCELLANEOUS

Contractor's Rubbish Disposal	15
Dumpster Permits	177
Funeral Directors	3

Swimming Pools	11
Tanning Establishments	4
Tobacco Permits	25
All Other Licenses	6

A total of 162 burial permits were issued to funeral directors. Total fees collected and deposited from the various licenses and permits was \$14,789.40.

The above numbers represent a tremendous effort put forth by a part-time staff.

REPORTABLE DISEASES IN 1996

Campylobacter	8
Chicken Pox (Varicella)	15
Animal Bites	18
E-Coli	1
Giardia	2
Hepatitis	8
Measles	1
Meningitis (Viral)	1
Salmonella	2
Shigella	2

TICKETS ISSUED IN 1996

Smoking on High School Premises	22
Selling Tobacco Products to Minors	13

In March, our Health Inspector, Diane Kurkjian, resigned. Diane contributed a great deal to the re-organization of the department. We thank Diane for all her efforts and professionalism, and wish her success in her future endeavors.

Frederick Mosley, our former Health Inspector who is currently retired, re-joined the staff in April to assist with inspections. Fred's many years of experience have been a valuable asset to the department. We thank him for agreeing to take on the responsibility of responding to many unique telephone inquiries that are received in our busy office. In July, the Town hired Jeanine Aniello as its Health Inspector. Her primary focus has been the inspection of food service establishments. She is currently working for two towns, Reading and Stoneham, on a part-time basis while pursuing her Masters Degree in Public Health at Boston University. Jeanine's inspections of our food establishments have been exemplary. The residents of Stoneham are very fortunate to have such a thorough and competent inspector overseeing the continued safe and sanitary conditions of our food establishments.

In October, our Animal Control Officer, Kenneth Stach, resigned. Sgt. Thomas Taranti of the Stoneham Police Department was appointed as Interim Animal Control Officer. The Board would like to thank Ken for his service to the community. In addition, a special thank you is extended to Sgt. Taranti for assuming the responsibility for this very important function.

In November, Ginny Ray successfully completed the "Board of Health Certification Program," a training class for Board of Health members sponsored by The Massachusetts Association of Health Boards. The purpose of this program was to provide participants with an introduction to the range and scope of Board of Health powers, duties and responsibilities as authorized under relevant State and Federal statutes, rules, regulations pertaining to public health and environment protection. The MAHB's voluntary certification of Board of Health members was the first of its kind in the nation. The program was very educational and informative, and provided the opportunity to network with other Board of Health members throughout the state.

Effective December 1, 1996, the issuance of burial permits was transferred to the Town Clerk. By incorporating this function into the Town Clerk's Office, Funeral Directors may now complete all the necessary paperwork in one department of the Town Hall. The Health Department appreciates the cooperation of the Town Clerk's office in accepting this responsibility. The Board would also like to recognize and thank Muriel Doherty, Office of the Selectmen, for acting as its Agent and assisting with the issuance of burial permits. Muriel's spirit of cooperation is appreciated by the Board members and office staff.

The Board of Health is charged with the protection of the public health. It is the Board's responsibility to develop, implement and enforce health policies. During 1996, the Board of Health voted and implemented the following regulations:

Effective September 1, 1996, the following regulations were passed which address the distribution and sale of tobacco products to minors and call for certain fines to business owners, managers and employees if the regulations are violated:

Section 20-69.1 Tobacco Sales Permit

Section 20-69.2-5 Display/Direct Retail Sales, Age Requirements for Sale of Tobacco Products, Individual or Loose Tobacco Products & Free Distribution and Sampling Prohibited

Section 20-69.6-7 Non-Criminal Disposition and Suspension/Revocation

For a complete text of the above regulations, please visit the Board of Health Office.

Under the Board's direction, our Tobacco Control Coordinator, Ruth Brophy, continued to provide the community with educational information of the dangers of smoking and usage of tobacco product. Ruth's programs are too numerous to list, but we wish to acknowledge just a few of her accomplishments: pre-school and elementary educational programs which reached over 1200 children, presentations at the Boys/Girls Club, co-educational efforts with the DARE program, Field Days, sporting events, community events including "Say Good-bye to Joe Camel" on cable television, "Clean Air Fair" and participation at Town Day where Ruth distributed free gifts and literature which promoted non-smoking. She also distributed a community smoke-free restaurant guide, and conducted compliance checks of tobacco merchants in town. Ruth also spearheaded many of the regulations passed by the Board of Health concerning youth access to tobacco products. To prepare and educate Stoneham business owners for the new regulations, Ruth conducted Merchant Training sessions where she answered questions and distributed educational literature to the merchants. On behalf of the Board, we acknowledge Ruth for her continued enthusiasm and thank her for a job very well done.

Our Public Health Nurses, Jean O'Melia and Marge Neylon have submitted a separate annual report. Jean and Marge continue to service the community through health clinics and screening programs. A special thank you is extended for their efforts in maintaining the public's health.

On behalf of the Board of Health members and the staff of the Health Department, we thank the residents of Stoneham for their cooperation and look forward to providing continued quality service to our community in 1997.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Ray, Clerk/Agent

BOARD OF HEALTH NURSES

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

1,677	People seen at clinics
198	Home/Office visits
1,875	Total for 1996

Clinics are held every Wednesday at the Senior Center, located at the Hearing Room in Town Hall. These clinics focus on education and changes in lifestyle. People are afforded the opportunity to discuss physical and emotional problems that may exacerbate conditions that lead to hypertension.

DIABETIC SCREENING

282	People seen at clinics
90	Home/Office blood sugar checked
372	Total for 1996

Diabetic screening clinics are held monthly in the Town Hall Hearing Room. Included at these clinics are diabetic education and information on nutrition and exercise. Fifteen percent of the people seen at the clinics are referred to their physician for re-evaluation or because they were unaware of elevated blood sugar.

INFLUENZA AND PNEUMONIA CLINICS

Vaccine was administered to patients in three nursing homes, at scheduled clinics, home visits, office visits and mini clinics. The total flu vaccine administered was 2,100 doses. Pneumonia vaccine was made available to Boards of Health again this year from the Department of Public Health. The pneumonia vaccine is given only once to senior citizens. Total administered: 70. We dispensed flu and pneumonia vaccine to physicians in our town. The accountability of these vaccines is the responsibility of the Board of Health nurses.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES REPORTED

Enteric	13
Hepatitis	9
Meningitis Viral	1
Varicella	15

Communicable disease investigations are completed on all morbidity reports except Varicella, and are forwarded to the Department of Public Health. Extensive follow-up is done as needed.

MANTOUX TESTING (TUBERCULOSIS)

This testing is required by the Department of Public Health for home health care organizations, nursing home personnel and teachers. Colleges now require incoming students to be tested. All employees and volunteers of the Stone Zoo are tested annually. A ruling issued in 1992 mandates that patients in long-term care facilities now be tested on an annual basis. We monitor nursing homes and assist them in this testing and follow-up. Contacts of cases of active Tuberculosis are Mantoux Tested at 0-3-6 months. The total number of Mantoux tests performed in 1996 was 99.

AUDIO AND VISION SCREENING

In 1996 we conducted audio/Vision screening at the following schools: St. Patrick's School, Purpose school, Leslie Country Day, Edgewood School, and the Greater Boston Academy. this represents a total of 642 students screened and re-tested. Notice of failure is sent to parents when necessary.

SCOLIOSIS SCREENING

Students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 are screened annually. A total of 118 students were screened.

IMMUNIZATIONS

We provide immunizations to infants, pre-school, school age and adults in our office. Tetanus/Diphtheria (TD), Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) and Hepatitis B (for grade 6) clinic are held at the schools. The Department of Public Health has mandated that all students must receive a second MMR before entering grade 7 or by the age of 12. We are now part of the Vaccine for Children (VFC), a federally-funded program with a goal to have total immunization of all children by the age of two years old by the year 2001. A total of 603 immunizations were given in 1996.

LEAD PAINT POISON TESTING

We screened 42 children upon the request of their parent or physician for lead paint poisoning.

VACCINE

Vaccine accountability to the Department of Public Health is the responsibility of the Board of Health nurses. We supply vaccines to the hospital, local physicians, and clinics and monitor their use. We must compile and maintain accurate records from all the vaccine recipients in or-

der to replenish our vaccine supply monthly from the North-east Regional Health Department.

IN-SERVICE PROGRAMS

The Nurses attended quarterly meetings at Tewksbury State Hospital and are members of the North Shore Public Health Nurse Network. We also attended in-service programs and seminars to keep abreast of new information to better serve the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean O'Melia, RN
Marjorie Neylon, RN
Board of Health Nurses

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission is a seven member volunteer board mandated by the Commonwealth and appointed by the Board of Selectmen. We hold monthly meetings open to the general public and are responsible for the preservation, protection, public awareness and development of the historical assets of the community with support from Massachusetts Historical Commission. The current members are: Paulene Russo (Chair), Rosemarie McDonald (Vice Chair), Wayne Higley (Treasurer), Peter Bracciotti (Secretary), Stephen Rotondi, and Elizabeth Whelan.

1996 was our nineteenth year of existence and we continued to serve the people of Stoneham through a variety of activities. Wayne Higley began a bi-weekly column featured in the Stoneham Independent entitled "A Historical Perspective". This column provided a look back on what life was like in Colonial times from 1668 when the first settlers arrived in what was then known as Charlestown End, and later incorporated in 1725 as Stoneham. Wayne also continued his dedication to the preservation of the Central Burial Grounds on Pleasant Street and initiated the commemoration of gravesites with American flags. Under his guidance, residents of Alliance House (also located on Pleasant Street) adopted the site and quietly and without urging assisted and enthusiastically continued to keep the area pristine and at the same time learn more about the heroes laid there to rest. For their efforts, Alliance House was presented with the 1996 Heritage Award which was presented in June in celebration of Preservation Month.

Ironically, nominations from the community resulted in a tie for winner and a duplicate 1996 Heritage Award was presented to the Stoneham Savings Bank. The Savings Bank had embarked on a calendar project to commemorate their 140th anniversary and decided to celebrate the history of Stoneham. They worked closely with the Stoneham Historical Society to select 12 old photos depicting major areas around town. The nostalgia was not enough for them and they found those exact locations and took 12 photos of what those areas look like today. The "collectible" calendars were given away free to delighted bank customers.

Public awareness of our existing historic properties and established local Historic Districts became a higher priority in 1996. With the revitalization of Central Square (downtown Stoneham) and the proposed Town Common and Parking Projects, the Historical Commission was challenged to educate and inform the community about the historic buildings included in those areas. With the endorsement of the Board of Selectmen, we hosted a Public Forum at Town Hall which was covered "live" by Continental Cablevision. Stoneham Community Development Corporation was invited to field questions from the Commission and the audience regarding ongoing and future plans.

Documentation of Stoneham's Historic Properties and Historic Districts was available so that residents might be able to identify and appreciate some of these valuable historic resources and be better prepared to cast a vote at an upcoming Special Town Meeting — a vote that would greatly impact the future of the community.

Community involvement continued in September with participation in the annual Town Day festivities. Socializing with fellow Stonehamites is the highlight of the event. And as always, our book (Stoneham, Massachusetts: A Shoe Town) is of greatest interest to visitors, with the photo collection and educational literature also drawing a consistent crowd of all ages.

Throughout the year, the Commission advanced in its inventory and photographing of historically significant buildings. Ultimately, these listings can provide qualification for Federal and State grants for historic preservation when funds are available.

Our concern for the future is the continuing threat to our historic properties by the wheels of progress. This does not mean a veto to change. Rather, we continue to implore property owners to consider adaptive reuse of buildings rather than demolition. Protecting this unique, yet fragile, heritage not only helps retain the identity and the special characteristics of our Town, but is also basic in developing a positive image about our Town. We welcome and strive for maximum citizen involvement in this endeavor. We urge all who feel similarly to attend a meeting or contact the Historical Commission in writing c/o Stoneham Town Hall.

We wish to thank the officers, boards, businesses and citizens of Stoneham for their cooperation during the past year and look forward to their continued support in the future.



Pictured are: (back row, from left) Wayne Higley and Stephen Rotondi, Historical Commission board members; Ray Sorenson and John Bracciotti, members of the Stoneham Savings Bank Board of Investment; Peter Bracciotti, Historical Commission board member; Bernie Vacon, member, Stoneham Savings Bank Board of Investment; (front row) Bee Russo, chairman, Historical Commission; Theresa M. Murphy, Stoneham Savings Bank assistant treasurer/photographer; Richard M. Donovan, executive vice president and treasurer, Stoneham Savings Bank; John Waters, executive director, Alliance House; Jay Harrison, assistant director, Alliance House; Betty Whelan and Rosemarie MacDonald, Historical Commission members.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Those Stoneham citizens who founded the Stoneham Historical Society in 1922 would be pleased to know how well their aims and objectives are being met as the Society celebrates its 75th year.

The history of Stoneham is continually being studied, especially in relation to exhibits the Society mounts and programs it presents.

During the past year these programs included one about early railroads and stations in Stoneham. Several members of the Railroad Land Use Committee were guests and found this an interesting and informative meeting.

"Archaeology in Your Back Yard" was explained by Stoneham archaeologist Alicia Paresi and featured several items she had found locally.

The Society was pleased to have local author and artist Sheila Foley provide an overview of her work. Most townspeople are familiar with her paintings, but she is an accomplished author as well.

A highlight of the year was an "Event of Olympic Proportions". All six Stoneham Olympians (1932-1994) were represented and presented with Honorary Membership. Items donated to our collection by these Olympians are now part of our display.

The Society continues to collect and preserve articles of historic interest pertaining to the town. Artifacts from the 1930's on are especially welcome. Sort through your memorabilia and if you have something to donate please contact the Society.

Open House is held spring and fall for all who are interested in the history of our town. Grade Three students throughout the town are treated to a special visit each spring. Following an introductory slide tape presentation, they visit hands-on exhibits to learn about everyday life in Stoneham of bygone years. Especially popular are the chance to make butter and to learn about the various gadgets Grandmother used in her kitchen.

Maps, valuation books, street lists, and early photographs form a very important part of the Museum's historical library. On the Annual Research Day many people take advantage of this opportunity to research their homes. This is an opportunity to find out when a home was built and some information about its earlier occupants.

The Society is pleased to be part of community activities such as Town Day. The League of Women voters extended an invitation to participate in its Forum re: the proposed town common. In addition, a display was prepared for the Annual Whip Hill Christmas Open House.

Watch the local press for information about upcoming events at the Stoneham Historical Society. If you would like further information about the Society, contact President Joanne B. Harriman (438-4542) or Curator Mary K. Marchant (438-4185) or write the Stoneham Historical Society, 36 William Street, Stoneham, MA 02180-3845. Membership is open to all, and new members are both needed and welcome.

The ongoing support of the Town helps the Society preserve the Town's history for future generations. This support is greatly appreciated.



Society member Beverly Surette demonstrates to third grade visitors how things worked in Grandmother's Kitchen.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

As of December 31, 1996, the Board of Commissioners of the Stoneham Housing Authority remained the same:

Frederick F. Mosley	Chairman
Vincent L. Orsillo	Vice Chairman
Amelio M. Marrocco	Treasurer
William F. Jordan	Assistant Treasurer
James J. Halpin	State Appointee

Mitchell B. Corbett is the Executive Director, and the Authority still administers 209 Chapter 667 elderly units and 72 Chapter 200 family units.

The state-financed modernization work is rapidly coming to completion. The contract for lead paint removal, new windows and new siding on all 72 family units in the amount of \$872,000.00 was awarded to the low bidder, Environmental Restorations, Inc. of Hampstead, N.H. in July. This work, which is 95% completed as of December 31, has resulted in a remarkable improvement in the outward appearance of the units; and, with the removal of lead paint, a serious potential health hazard has been removed.

The upgrading of electrical service on 48 units of family housing located at Washington and Calthea Streets also removes a potential safety hazard and brings the units into compliance with modern living requirements.

At the completion of the two modernization contracts, the physical condition of the family units will be such that they will afford the Stoneham Housing Authority many years of service.

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board met nineteen times and held twenty public hearings in 1996. Sixteen plans were endorsed "Approval Under the Subdivision Control Law not Required". Two special permits were denied and two were granted. One subdivision was approved and two submitted.

During the past year, the Board faced many challenges which will no doubt continue into the foreseeable future. Most present and possible future residential development in the Town has been, or will be, in areas where neighborhoods are already established. Given this reality, while recognizing the legal rights of those seeking to develop their property, the Board remains committed to protecting the legitimate concerns of abutters and the community at large.

The Board has tried to take a practical approach to considering these projects and by and large, we have been successful in getting parties to agree on how best to balance the interests of both the developers and the abutters. However, where we were not able to reach a reasonable accommodation, or where the project far exceeded reasonableness, the Board has not been reticent to take firm action. The Board will continue to attempt to resolve as many issues as possible without recourse to the court system; but, we will not hesitate to exercise every option available to us in order to protect the integrity of the Board and the interests of the Town should the situation require it.

In the coming months and years, the Town will be faced with important decisions about the pace of development and growth. The potential transfer of large tracts of land controlled by the M.D.C. into Town control, presents tremendous opportunities for quality open and recreation space for the residents of our Town. The members and the staff of the Planning Board are grateful for the opportunity to serve the Town during this exciting time.

In closing, the members and staff of the Board would like to thank all of our colleagues on the various other boards, commissions and departments for their assistance and support in 1996. We look forward to continuing to work with them in forwarding the Town's common interests in the upcoming year. Finally, but by no means least importantly, we would like to thank the residents of the Town who have taken the time to attend our meetings and hearings. Without this vital input, the Board would not be able to adequately protect the concerns of residents and abutters. We welcome and encourage public participation in upcoming meetings and hearings.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE EUGENE M. PASSARO

The Stoneham Police Department saw many changes during 1996. Notably the implementation of central dispatching which has placed the responsibility of all public safety dispatching under one roof. While there are problems with the new system, none are insurmountable. Training as well as accommodation are the key words in making this a successful venture and it is felt that the system will be to the benefit of all the citizens of the Town of Stoneham.

The Community Policing Unit, D.A.R.E. program, domestic violence Unit as well as the sworn and civilian members of the Stoneham Police Department are dedicated to making Stoneham a safe place to live and work. Three new officers are now attending a 20 week Police Academy and will help replace officers that have left the Department for various reasons. These officers were funded through a C.O.P.S. MORE grant from the federal government.

Officers from this department have also spent a considerable amount of time in training schools in order to provide public safety with the ever-changing federal and state laws.

If one particular impact to the safety of our citizens had to be pointed out, I believe that it would be that of an Egyptian Cobra that had been allowed to bask in the sun by its owner. The cobra then escaped and hundreds of person-hours were spent attempting to find "Tut". The cobra turned several months later in a fourth grade classroom that was filled with children. After some harrowing moments, Tut was captured without injuring anyone. Special thanks should go to the children, the parents, school authorities Stoneham Police, the Environmental Police and all the other citizens that were involved in this situation. The one individual that should receive extra special recognition is MICHAEL K. RALBOUSKI, Herpetologist, who donated so many hours to the citizens of the Town of Stoneham in his relentless efforts to capture and safeguard the people of our community.

PROSECUTION DIVISION INSPECTOR CHARLES M. CARROLL, PROSECUTOR

In addition to 283 arrests for various crimes during 1996, the Stoneham Police Department processed over 200 warrants and 150 restraining orders during the calendar year. The Massachusetts Trial Court has instituted a state-wide computer system in an attempt to reduce the volume of paperwork for themselves and police departments throughout the Commonwealth, and to bring a greater efficiency to law enforcement and the judicial system in making arrests on these outstanding warrants. Incorporated into this system are also all restraining orders issued by any court throughout the Commonwealth so that all police departments can act quickly in making arrests in the event any restraining orders are violated.

The majority of crimes in our community, other than those related to motor vehicles, are larceny, breaking & entering, vandalism and domestic violence. These crimes alone, comprised approximately 30% of all crimes committed in Stoneham during 1996. Effective the first part of 1997, the State has adopted Federal law allowing any police agency in the State of Massachusetts to arrest for violation of any restraining ordered by any State.

In 1996 approximately \$27,500 was received by the Town from parking violations. On many occasions, these tickets were issued as a direct result of calls to the Police Department from concerned citizens. The Town received \$57,442.50 from the Registry of Motor Vehicles for moving violations and \$18,815 from Woburn District Court.

Violations ranged from failure to restrain a child in a seatbelt to operating under the influence of drugs/alcohol. We continue to use the breathalyzer on intoxicated violators who are arrested for these offenses. These results were forwarded to the Registry of Motor Vehicles and licenses were suspended in accordance with the results in addition to prosecution proceedings by our Department in the Woburn District Court. The most common Violation for which citations were issued (404) was speeding which continues to make our roads hazardous especially the children who walk to and from school and our senior citizens who make up a large segment of our pedestrians.

**DETECTIVE BUREAU
LT. GREGORY M. O'KEEFE, COMMANDING OFFICER**

The Detective Bureau, which is responsible for Criminal Investigations, Prosecutions, Narcotic Investigations and Juvenile Investigations is under the command of Lieutenant Detective, Gregory M. O'Keefe. The Bureau is comprised of five detectives: Charles Carroll, Richard McDonough, George P. Alger, John Leccese, and George Sullivan.

MURDER: There were no murders in Stoneham in 1996. We investigated 20 sudden deaths which were reported to the Medical Examiner.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: (Restraining Orders) - The Police Department processed 116 active restraining orders and prosecuted 27 people for violation of restraining orders. It is the policy of the Stoneham Police department to arrest violators of Restraining Orders whenever applicable. There were 433 domestic violence calls which resulted in the number of restraining orders increasing.

THE DRUG WAR: Narcotics continue to be a prime concern of the Stoneham Police Department. There were 57 drug prosecutions during 1996. Our Drug Unit is also attached to the North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC) Drug Task Force where participating cities and towns share drug investigators. We also have a close working relationship with the District Attorney's office and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The number of successful arrests for narcotic offenses continues as a direct result of our undercover narcotic investigations conducted by our Drug Unit. Identification of drug activity has been expedited by our citizen participation through information received at our DRUG HOTLINE, P.O. BOX 212, STONEHAM, MA 02180 or calls made directly to the Police Department drug hotline 438-0212.

CRIME STATISTICS: Statistics from our records for 1996, in addition to those reported by the Prosecution division of the Detective Bureau, include:

1	Rape
6	Armed robberies
179	Breaking & Entering (homes and motor vehicles)
63	Stolen Cars
70	Assaults
158	Vandalism
247	Larceny

**COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT (CPU)
SGT. HERBERT W. MOORE, DIRECTOR**

The Stoneham community Policing Unit expanded many of its responsibilities during this calendar year which included problems occurring at the Housing Authority with trespassers, disorderly persons and other such problems. Meetings were held with various representatives from the residence along with members of the Housing Authority and the Executive Director of same. The time spent was rewarding in that many of the problems were addressed and dealt with. There still remains a considerable amount of work in that there is an ongoing problem being addressed by the Community Policing Unit.

The members of the Unit also worked very closely with the administration of the Stoneham School Department and wish to give special thanks to Dr. Ellen Bueschel, Superintendent of Schools, as well as Mr. Andreattola and Ms. Windish from the Middle School.

With the cooperation of the Stoneham School administration, the CPU instituted a Citizens' Police Academy which was well attended and the results were very successful.

A Student Police Academy was also held in which students from various schools in Stoneham were trained as to what police work was all about. I believe this furthered the understanding and cooperation between the young people of our community and the Police Department.

Sgt. D'Onofrio worked very closely with the CPU and taught CPR to many of our senior citizens. Many classes were given throughout the school system in coordination with the D.A.R.E. Officer, Tom Cullen. Officers from the Unit also spent many days working with students from the Middle School and actually having lunch with them so they could meet on an informal basis and actually hold conversations. The result of these meetings and lunches was that a greater respect not only by the students for law enforcement, but also of law enforcement towards the students.

The CPU was very involved in summer programs and actually took groups of youths on bicycle rides throughout the town as well as on a bike path on Cape Cod. A considerable amount of work was also done on drug education and drug awareness. There were many arrests made by the Unit of drug dealers that are the scourge of our community and it is felt that all of the actions put together that this Unit has been involved in has gone a long way in providing public safety, now, but more importantly for the future for the residents of the Town of Stoneham.

1996 FIREARMS DIVISION
SGT. WILLIAM J. SURETTE

STAFF OF FIREARMS DIVISION:

Sgt. William J. Surette:
Chief Firearms Instructor,
MCJTC Certified Instructor
N.R.A. Certified Firearms Instructor
Smith & Wesson Certified Armorer
Glock Certified Armorer

Officer Daniel Bates:
Firearms Instructor
M.C.J.T.C. Certified Instructor
Glock Certified Armorer

Mrs. Barbara Pollack, Clerk
Applicant reviewer, Fingerprinter, Background checks,
Records Keeper

In March, 1996, all members of the Stoneham Auxiliary Police Department received and were trained in the use of the Glock, Model 22, .40 calibre, semi-automatic pistol and qualified in April. These service pistols were purchased at no cost to the Town through the fundraising efforts of the Auxiliary Police and the generosity of business and private donations.

In April, all members of the Department attended Firearms Training and Qualification at Camp Curtis Guild range in Reading. In October, all members of the Department requalified with their service pistols at Camp Curtis Guild.

One Student Police Officer received Firearms Training and Qualification prior to entry into the Norwood Police Academy. This Student Officer will be graduating with two other previously trained Auxiliary Officers in February, 1997.

1996 AUTHORIZATIONS ISSUED:

- 65 Firearms Identification Cards were issued.
- 73 Licenses to Carry Firearms were issued/received.
- 2 Gun Dealers' were renewed.
- 14 Licenses to Carry Firearms were revoked because of criminal or domestic abuse charges.
- 6 Federal Identification Cards were suspended.

MAINTENANCE

- 6 Firearms were repaired by Sgt. Surette and Officer Bates.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- 7 Firearms of various types were voluntarily turned in by citizens who no longer desired to have firearms.
- 1 Firearm turned into Sgt. Surette to identify and raise obliterated serial numbers.
- 2 Bows and arrows were received from citizens.

CONFISCATIONS

- 6 Firearms were court-ordered to be destroyed because of criminal convictions of the owners.
- 13 Knives of various types were taken from subjects by Officers.
- 5 Various types of pepper spray were received along with approximately 2,200 rounds of various types of ammunition were turned in by citizens and/or confiscated by Police Officers.

1996
DARE PROGRAM
OFFICER TOM CULLEN

The DARE program continues to grow in popularity with students, parents and educators. Since the DARE program is taught and practiced throughout the United States, students and their families returning from vacations in other parts of our nation come back with stories of how they love to wear their DARE T-shirts which brings on an instant "Where're you from?" It is also an indicator that the wearer of the T-shirt has been schooled in awareness measures to handle strangers and has acquired basic skills in self-esteem.

At each graduation ceremony, I have tried to invite a speaker who is well known to the students and who they would not only enjoy listening to, but someone who has earned respect by achievement. At our most recent graduation, we had Judge Gwendolyn Tyre, Circuit Juvenile Judge, speak to our graduates. Judge Tyre tried to instill in the children what the consequences of getting involved in drug abuse and how important having a strong support system is to each and every child.

Our Stoneham DARE program is only 4 years old at this point. My first goal was to introduce DARE to the community and I spent many hours with educators who would turn their classrooms over to me, merchants who were generous in their donations, DARE officers from other towns who had already implemented their programs, and I spoke before groups and organizations who pledged their support. From those small beginnings in a few classrooms in the public school system, in two years I have now been invited to present the DARE program to the private schools in town and it's a challenge to work out a schedule to satisfy all the schools who want the DARE program. I am

happy to say that some students from St. Patrick's school were among the most recent DARE graduating class.

If and when the manpower shortage at the Stoneham Police Department is relieved, I am hoping that we will be able to train another officer to act as a backup DARE officer since this program is growing by leaps and bounds.

Needless to say, we have not only met our goals during our first four years, but we have succeeded beyond expectations. Our best advertisement are the students themselves. Their enthusiasm and active participation during school, on the streets and at home (where their younger siblings listen and are anxious for "their turn") is the core strength of the Stoneham DARE program and it's continuous reaffirmation of their own self esteem and individual awareness all leading to strengthening their personal life choices.

Some of the new things the D.A.R.E. Program has been involved with was our summer program. The D.A.R.E. Program funded a fishing trip for our youngsters. Along with the Bass Anglers Association and Community Policing, we took 35 members of Boys & Girls Club of America to Breakheart Reservation where the boys and girls spent a fun-filled day of fishing. The fish were biting and the kids had a lot of fun. We are looking forward to the summer of 1997 with great expectations and excitement.

This year, again, was a learning experience for the D.A.R.E. program and with your support, this program will continue to grow and flourish. I thank you for your support.

JUVENILE DIVISION DETECTIVE GEORGE P. ALGER

The position of the Juvenile Officer is to specialize in the case handling of our youth between the ages of seven and seventeen. Due to an assortment of reasons, some of these matters are handled by other Detectives within the department. My present involvement in the Community Police Program has shown a direction and need for more enforcement, education and involvement with the youth of our community. In addition, a closer affiliation with the Middle School administration which has seen a recent changing of the guard. I welcome this need for the police involvement with our youth as do the other officers assigned to the team. Our current D.A.R.E. Program is an example of what this interaction can accomplish. With the continued funding of the Community Police Program here in Stoneham, the juvenile problem areas with regard to hangouts, areas of frequent graffiti, spraying and secreted drinking locations will be targeted with nothing short of a successful result. Please contact my office if you have any concerns or information you may deem important and vital to our goals.

As for the past years, juvenile criminal behavior patterns continue to change. Female runaways led all statistical groups. There was a decline in 'tagging' as well as shoplifting arrests. The core of drug use also maintained its regularity with a slight increase in marijuana related cases.

The hope for the future is to compare the present day trends with our D.A.R.E. awareness and the newly proposed police youth interaction in the school setting. Please feel free to contact me at 438-1215 with any questions or concerns you may have. Our general view as police officers is portrayed as capture and prosecute the law-breakers. True this is an element of our profession, however, to help our townspeople as well as the youth is an intrinsic resource few seek for assistance. PLEASE CALL THE POLICE IF YOU EVEN THINK YOU SEE A CRIME! We are here to serve you.

TRAINING REPORT SGT. ROBERT SWASEY

Major Lt. Del Rossi and Sgt. Swasey are the Stoneham Police Department's training officers. Through this office and the office of Chief Eugene M. Passaro, the members of the Stoneham Police Department have been able to attend specialized training. This training was offered by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, U.S. Army, Middlesex District Attorney's office, Emerge (Domestic Violence Training) Heckler & Koch, International Association of Police Chiefs, New England Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association and the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services. All of these offer and give the best training available for the members of the Stoneham Police Department. This training is needed and used by this police department to keep abreast of the ever changing and complex laws, to overcome the new types of criminal activities and illegal drugs coming into the Stoneham area. This training enables the Stoneham Police Department to serve each citizen and visitor to Stoneham in better ways with our resources.

The 911 phone system training was completed by every officer of this department. This training had been started in December of 1995. Officers learned the proper procedures for handling the many different types of emergency 911 phone calls this department will receive.

Officers R. Del Rossi and S. Nims attended the 3 day specialized training on the use of bicycles in police work.

Sgt. Swasey, Officers S. Rotondi and J. Silveira attended a 2 day course on Domestic Violence taught by Emerge (Domestic Violence Training Center). This training was on teenage dating violence.

Officers M. O'Toole and T. Marshall attended a 1 day seminar on Outlaw Motorcycle gangs. Officer M. O'Toole also attended a 2 day countersniper school taught by instructors of Heckler & Koch. Officer O'Toole also attended a 5 day school taught by U.S. Army instructors on Police Special Operations.

Sgt. Surette attended a 1 day school taught by the Glock instructors on the maintenance and repair of our police sidearms. Sgt. Surette also attended a 3 day firearms instructor course.

Officer S. Rotondi attended a 3 day course on the detection and field sobriety testing of drunk drivers. This course was taught by instructors of the MCJTC. This knowledge will prove helpful in keeping the streets of Stoneham clear of the danger of drunk drivers.

Inspector G. Alger attended a 1 day seminar on Child Abuse Protection. This was taught by the Middlesex District Attorney's office. Inspector Alger also attended a 1 day course on the apprehension of DYS runaways.

Lt. O'Keefe and the assigned Drug Officer at that time attended a 3 day seminar on Drugs and Drug Law Enforcement. This was taught by the N.E. Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association. Lt. O'Keefe also attended a 1 day training session on Drug Investigation and a 4 day Internal Affairs school taught by the International Association of Police Chiefs.

Inspectors R. McDonough and G. Sullivan attended a 5 day school on Rape Investigation taught by instructors of the MCJTC. All members of the Stoneham Police Department also attended the North East Regional Police Institute (NERPI). The training offered there was CPR First Responder, Legal Update on the new criminal and motor vehicle laws, Community Policing and Officer Survival.

All of this training has been used in the day to day operations of the Stoneham Police Department. Training has played and will continue to play an important role in maintaining essential services that this Police Department delivers to the citizens of Stoneham.

A. RICHARD DUONOLO (13) SAFETY OFFICER

During 1996 the SPD issued a total of 635 moving motor vehicle citations. Of this number 385 were from the SPD Selective Enforcement program in which 1 or 2 radar equipped cruisers were put out on direct patrol for specific areas of concerns from the townspeople. This number is about equal to last year. I believe that this program has been effective and already new ideas are in the making for 1997 with new equipment on the market for law enforcement personnel.

Also part of the selective enforcement program are the issuing of parking tickets. Last year the number increased by approximately 150 bring in a total of approximately 2100, included in this number are tickets issued by State Police/MDC property in Stoneham.

Projects of interest this year from the Safety Office were as follows: the Walgreen project, NYNEX upgrade in the Colonial Park area. Other areas included the Stoneham Square project and Rowe Hill. There were many more, but too many to list.

This year, as in the past, the Stoneham Police Department Traffic Directors did an outstanding job. The parents have called and praised their dedication. Keep up the good work!

The working rapport with the PWD and other agencies this year were very close and made of safe and enjoyable working conditions. I thank all departments I had the pleasure of working with in 1996 and look forward to 1997.

To the townsfolk, I welcome any and all calls and hope to continue to serve you all in the years to come.

PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

This is the 137th annual report of the Stoneham Public Library covering the calendar year 1996.

PERSONNEL

1996 will go down significantly in the Library's history because of major turnovers in staffing here. Senior Library Technician, Elizabeth M. Whelan, retired after serving on the staff since 1969. Also this year the Junior Library experienced changes due to the retirement of Senior Library Technician, Marianne Minghella and the transfers of Senior Library Technician, Deborah Cunningham and Children's Librarian, Mary Todd to adult services. Although a successor to the latter was short lived, recruitment for this vital position is going on as of this writing [January 1997]. In library work it is highly unusual to maintain a core staff for ten years in juvenile services as was done here. A hearty thanks to Ms. Cunningham, Todd and Minghella for their uninterrupted dedication to the youth of Stoneham.

In addition the Library saw the departure of Library Assistant Director, Connie Rawson who assumed a new position at the Cary Library in Lexington, MA. Mrs. Rawson's contributions to this library are inestimable. Her association with the Stoneham Public Library began in 1974. Serving as Library Assistant and then Children's Librarian, she returned here as a Sunday supervisor and Reference Librarian. Appointed as Assistant Director in 1994, she distinguished herself by overseeing the Library's state of the art technology program and more recently the five year long range plan.

During 1996 the Library promoted long time staff member, Mary Cunningham to Senior Library Technician and saw the appointments of Mary Lou Bracciotti and Martha Panther Buckley respectively as Senior Library Technician and Library Technician.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

In November 1995, the Trustees of the Stoneham Public Library addressed the lack of a long range plan. At that time, Eastern Region Assistant Administrator, Ellen Rauch, spoke to a group consisting of Trustees and staff about the feasibility of tackling a plan without outside consulting help and without an abundance of financial resources. In May 1996, a committee was formed to work on the plan. The group consisted of the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees, Rocco Ciccarello, Library Di-

rector Hugh Williams, Assistant Director Connie Rawson, Library staff member Elaine McKenzie, Alan Grometstein and Elaine Maienza representing the Friends of the Library and Town Clerk Annamae Arsenault.

The Committee's final document was turned over to the Board of Library Trustees in late 1996. Once approved by the Trustees, it will be used as a blueprint for the Library well into the next century. The Board of Selectmen and Finance & Advisory Board should take notice of this very important study that should impact financial decisions made by these boards in future years.

LOSS OF ACCREDITATION - A 1997 REALITY?

For the past five years Library officials have been sparring with staff at the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners because of the Town of Stoneham's inability to meet minimum standards to receive cherry sheet monies earmarked for its library. Your Library Trustees and Administration have used every means within the law to ensure that cherry sheet monies continue to be received for the Library and that the Library would be certified by the state library agency. In 1996 the Trustees diverted a substantial amount of funds held in reserve to supplement the insufficient book budget approved at the Spring 1996 Town Meeting — this had to be done; there are no longer any appeals or exemptions from the commonwealth's minimum standards for certification. The Board of Trustees cannot continue to supplement the book budget from meager resources generated by trust funds. Past state aide, used for extraordinary library services, such as state of the art technology, cannot supplement the book budget at a level required by the state standards.

To this end the Stoneham Public Library will require in 1997 a substantial shot in the arm to its book budget as seen in the appropriated budget at the Spring 1997 Town Meeting.

Time has run out for Stoneham. It has had more than five years to get its Library's financial house together in order to comply with state standards. All of us associated with the Stoneham Public Library think that it's about time for Stoneham to rejoin the ranks of its neighbors in providing minimum public financing for its library.

Hugh E. Williams, Jr.
Library Director

**STONEHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

**1996 ANNUAL REPORT
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JANUARY 1997

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Nineteen ninety-six was an eventful and very busy year for the Stoneham School Committee. As mentioned briefly last year, the January issue of Money magazine confirmed our belief that the Stoneham School District was providing an excellent education for our students within the limited means of the Town. The publicity that accompanied this honor coupled with new home construction and the turnover of homes in Stoneham from "empty nesters" to young couples with children have been factors in reversing the trend of gradual decrease in student population.

The increased number of students and the aging of the facilities were concerns which emerged during the strategic planning process which began in September 1994, and resulted in the adoption of the Strategic Plan 1996-2000 in May 1996. The School Committee focused on the facilities issues in a number of ways.

In February 1996, the Committee voted to create a K - 3 program at North School and move the fourth and fifth graders from South School to Robin Hood School. The School Committee also proposed warrant articles at the May Town Meeting to support capital needs (\$150,000), technology needs (\$200,000) and a facilities study to help develop recommendations related to present and future building needs. At the October Town Meeting, the body voted to pay for these bond issues from available funds rather than to bond them.

The April election brought a change of personnel to the School Committee. Robert Wellmann, veteran of nine years on the Stoneham School Committee, decided not to run for re-election. Jeanne Craigie, former member of the School Committee, was elected and assumed her seat on the Committee on April 11, 1996. Members of the School Committee, in addition to Mrs. Craigie, are Mr. Paul Melkonian, Chairman, Mr. Stephen Gucciardi, Vice Chairman, Dr. Steven Migliorini and Mrs. Marie Christie.

The School Committee wants to take this opportunity to commend and thank Mr. Wellmann for his service to the students, staff, and community of Stoneham. His thoughtful reflection, care and concern for students and staff, and constant attention to maintaining high standards of performance for the entire school community are hallmarks of his tenure on the School Committee. He was elected chairperson on June 14, 1990 and May 11, 1994.

April also brought a new focus for the School Committee. A Facilities Study Committee was appointed in April 1996 to oversee the first phase of a building plan to address the equity, enrollment, program, and facilities issues.

The following citizens were appointed:

David Campbell	Harry Paicopolos
Ron Fiore	Bruce Robinson
Jill Kennedy	Ann Marie Simmons
Matthew Kilty	Stephen Gucciardi
Diane McCarthy	Maureen Soley
	Michael Rolli (resigned 6-96)

The charge to this committee was: 1) To select and work with a design professional (architect or engineer) to conduct a feasibility study for existing building renovation and/or new construction to meet the projected space and educational needs of the Stoneham School Department.

- 2) To understand and adhere to the guidelines and regulations promulgated by the Department of Education, the American School Building Disabilities Act, Environmental Agencies and any other local and state agencies which govern school facilities.
- 3) To present status reports to the School Committee on a regular, or as notified, basis which will include the strategies, suggested timeline and analysis of alternatives studied to present the plan to the community and develop support prior to the Annual Town Meeting, 1997.

On the recommendation of the Facilities Study Committee, the School Committee contracted with Symmes, Maini and McKee for the building needs study. As 1996 drew to a close, the Facilities Study Committee, the School Committee and many interested residents awaited the first set of recommendations from the consultants.

While facilities planning was certainly a focus for 1996, there were many other issues before the School Committee. The Committee held nineteen meetings during the year. Policy review and revision, budget development, the adoption of a Strategic Plan, the implementation of the Curriculum Frameworks 1996 to 2000, and the review of the performance of the Superintendent were topics of interest, research and action in addition to the regular business of the Committee.

The School Committee uses a sub-committee structure to review policy issues, serve as liaison to various Town and School Department Study Committees, and review program budgets. This structure breaks the myriad tasks of overseeing the operations of a large and complex organization into a manageable format for completion and communication.

We closed the 1996 year with a sense of pride in the many achievements you will read about in the coming

pages and a sense of challenge and anticipation as we prepare to confront the many issues related to increased enrollment, inadequate and outdated facilities and the known and unknown requirements of preparing the students in our classrooms today to meet the challenges they will encounter as citizens of the 21st century.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Each year five high school students are selected by their peers to represent the views of students at all School Committee meetings. These student representatives receive all non-confidential materials and are encouraged to state their opinions on public agenda items and reports. Although the Students do not vote, their views are carefully considered by the town-elected Committee members. The resulting discussions enable the members of the Committee to understand the issues at hand from a student's perspective. In 1996 that perspective included views on courses at the High School, budget process and grouping procedures. Representing the student body during 1996-97 are Melissa Callan, Jillian DeTeso, Mary Giordano, Deanna Iovanni, Michael Pappas, and Mark Pedersen. Due to the fact that only six students were interested in running for the school year 1996-97, it was decided to seat all six. We wish to also acknowledge the contribution of Melissa Callan, Deanna Iovanni, Michael Pappas, Mark Pedersen and Randy Perkins who served through June 1996.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The theme of this 106th Annual Report of the Stoneham School Department is pride. As you read the accomplishments of 1996, we hope that you will share this pride and acknowledge the significance of strong community support as we move forward together to provide the youth of Stoneham with a solid foundation of knowledge and skills.

Our efforts during 1996, have been focused in three major areas. The first, of course, is student achievement. Beginning with the article in the January 1996 edition of Money magazine through the release of the Massachusetts Assessment Scores for each community in the Commonwealth in late fall, our external indicators of student achievement are strong. All indicators support that our reputation for fine schools is well deserved. However, I need to acknowledge that our continued success is the outcome of focused effort by our staff, parents and other community members, and the students themselves.

Our second focus of 1996 was to meet the phased-in mandates of the Educational Reform Act of 1993. The staff has been meeting in department, grade-level, and building groups to align the PK - 12 instructional program

with the Curriculum Frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education as guides for all the schools in the Commonwealth. Dr. Elizabeth Keroack, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, has been instrumental in guiding the process of comparing our courses of study to the Frameworks, finding the areas of agreement, and when discrepancies are noted, developing a plan of action. The new state assessment tests will be based on the Curriculum Frameworks so it is important that our local placement of topics, including required skills and knowledge, be compatible with the Frameworks. I want to commend Dr. Keroack and the Instructional Leadership Team for the fine work they are doing with the project.

Other areas related to the Educational Reform Act of 1993 include the continued implementation of the School Council model, the examination of block scheduling at the high school as a strategy to meet the 990 hour student requirement, the exploration of adding World Languages to the instructional program prior to seventh grade as it will be an area of assessment on the tenth grade tests, and the adoption of Performance Standards for the professional staff. Although there is much excitement about the many changes resulting from the Educational Reform Act, the sheer workload in a small school district adds the pressure of time to the pressures inherent in the change process. Once again our staff has been willing to give of their time and expertise to the task of making the required changes positive ones for the students of Stoneham.

Our third focus has been on facilities. Every school building in Stoneham was constructed before the acceptance and requirement for students to be literate in a technology rich environment. In addition, we are experiencing growth in enrollment in the elementary grades and are facing the consequences of many years when maintaining programs and an adequate, if not ideal, class size took precedent over long and short term maintenance needs. Our elementary schools cannot provide equity of program to all students of the Town and our secondary schools must be upgraded to provide for the requirements of the graduates of the twenty-first century. The changes presented by the dual needs of providing equity and providing programs to prepare students for a world which we cannot fathom have been recognized and a community based committee has been appointed to bring forth recommendations to the May Town Meeting.

Please read the following annual reports of each of our schools. They give some idea of the many wonderful things that happen in our classrooms, laboratories, auditoriums, gymnasiums, fields, libraries, and lunchrooms. Those of us who are fortunate enough to work with the youth of Stoneham take pride in the knowledge that these students will be creators of our future. We will be in good hands.

RETIREES

The Stoneham School Department lost a number of veteran staff members through retirement at the end of the school year in 1996. They include: Mr. Richard Burnham, a veteran teacher of twenty-seven years, who taught mathematics at the High School and also taught previously at the Middle School; Dr. John Danis, who served the Stoneham Public Schools as school physician for thirty-two years; Mr. Leonard Jesse, who served as Data Processing Coordinator for the school system for over twenty-four years; Ms. Verna Boudreau, secretary to the Director of Special Education, with a total of twenty-two years' service; Mrs. Ann White, a teaching assistant with twenty-three years of service, who served first at South School and then the Middle School; Mrs. Carmella DeLuca, also a teaching assistant with fifteen years of service, who served at Robin Hood School, Colonial Park School, and Central School; Mrs. Eleanor Castiglione, who served as a cafeteria worker at the Colonial Park School, with twenty-two years of service; Mr. Frank Castiglione, (Eleanor's husband), who served as a custodian at the Middle School, High School, and Colonial Park School, with twenty-two years' service; Mr. Edward Fallon, who served first as a custodian at the Middle School and then as Head Custodian at the High School, with ten years' service; Mr. Anthony Buccheri, who served as a systemwide Maintenance Craftsman with sixteen years of service, and Mr. Charles Murphy, who served as a custodian at the High School, Colonial Park School, and as Head Custodian at the Middle School, with a total of twenty-eight years' service.

These eleven employees represent a combined total of 241 years of service to the Stoneham Public Schools. We are extremely grateful for their many years of dedicated service to the students and staff of the Stoneham Public Schools and wish them all the best in the years ahead.

CENTRAL SCHOOL

At present, Central School houses five sections each of second and first grade, and four sections each in grades K, 3, 4, and 5. Class size ranges from 23 to 27, with a total population of 636. Space and increasing class size continue to be of great concern.

Our school vision for 1996, as well as the upcoming year, has been guided by, among other things, our School Improvement Plan. The plan was developed in the spring of 1996 by the Central School Council with input from our entire school community. The 1996-97 plan calls for attention to the following areas:

- **TECHNOLOGY:** Instructional support for the computer lab as well as an increase in the amount of

hardware and software available in the classrooms.

- **CLASS SIZE:** Remains in the high twenties.
- **SCHOOL SAFETY:** Traffic patterns at opening and dismissal times, installation of additional electrical outlets throughout the building, classroom windows that cannot be opened, fencing on Pomeworth Street.
- **FACILITIES:** Painting, improvements in gym floor, fixing leaks throughout the building.
- **SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT:** The development of caring communities that promote respect for all individuals and groups. Continued work on the infusion of Central School Core Values into the everyday life of the school.

Core Values - In Our School Community:

- We have respect for self, others and property.
- We take responsibility for ourselves and our actions.
- We put our best effort into all that we do.
- We love to read and write.

Special Education inclusion models vary from classroom to classroom, dependent upon student needs. In some classrooms there are two full-time teacher—one general education and one special education. In other cases, one special education teacher may coordinate efforts with two or three classroom teachers. Models are based on the needs of the children involved. Our inclusion programs have met with great success, and we look forward to the continuation of this most important work.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR AT CENTRAL SCHOOL

- In October, the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for our new Project Fit/Playground equipment was held at Central School. The project, which began over one year ago, took the coordinated efforts of the Boston Regional Medical Center, which donated the Project Fit equipment, the Town of Stoneham, and the Stoneham School Department. The Central School community is grateful to all who participated in bringing this wonderful fitness area to the children at Central School.
- The Central School Council, composed of parents, educators and a community representative, con-

tinued to work toward implementation of the School Improvement Plan.

- Our commitment to community responsibility carried on with the fourth annual food drive. The ten-day event brought forth over 2000 donations from Central School families, staff and friends. Through this program we seek to instill in our young charges a sense of civic responsibility: the need to give back to the community.
- The Central School PTL continued to be a vital organization in the life of our community. Through their support, students at Central were enriched through field trips, assemblies, as well as grade level classroom and family activities.
- Programs of special note during the past year were:

Native American Perspectives
Tribal Rhythms
Boston Symphony Orchestra
Understanding Disabilities Week
Rainforest Rescue
Fran Friedman - Folk and Self-Esteem

- Professional development maintained a top priority at Central School. The State Curriculum Frameworks and Common Chapters are being studied and will continue to be a topic for professional development during the 1996-97 school year. During the 1996-97 school year, a primary focus for professional development will be the implementation of our new Science and Social Studies curriculum.
- American Education Week and National Book Week were two triumphant events at Central School this past year. Hundreds of parents, grandparents and friends visited Central School to participate in educational events. Children made bookmarks for every book or story that was either read by them or to them representing their favorite book and hung them on their lockers throughout the halls of Central School.
- The Central School Chorus, now comprised of over 160 (up another thirty students from last year) fourth and fifth grade students, continued to receive accolades for their performances around Stoneham.
- Central School has developed business partnerships with two Stoneham businesses, Boston Market and BJ's. In addition, our school is sup-

ported by The Alliance House and Brothers Pizza.

- Central School continued into a second year its "Lunch Buddy" program whereby our youngest students (all kindergarten and first grade) were assigned an older fourth grade buddy to sit with them and help them out during our lunch period. The program has been extremely successful and is another way of instilling our core value of "Responsibility."

With a dedicated and caring staff, involved and loving parent, and a supportive Central Office and School Committee, our school continues to provide an enriching environment in which children can learn, thrive, investigate and grow.

NORTH SCHOOL

North School reopened in the Fall of 1996 to alleviate classroom shortages in the Elementary schools. North School currently houses the Chapter 1 Preschool, two integrated preschool programs and an integrated kindergarten class on the first floor. This made four classrooms available for use at the Robin Hood School. The Principal and Special Education Department offices are housed on the second floor. This space accommodates the Director of Special Education, the North School/Special Education secretary, adapted physical education specialist, team chairpersons and itinerant specialists. This gave the Middle School additional Classroom and office space. Additionally, one classroom in North School is rented to "Project Bridge," a program for hearing-impaired students.

The physical plant has undergone necessary and extensive renovation in order to accommodate students: the school building is handicapped accessible with a ramp leading to the front door and a handicapped accessible bathroom was constructed according to guidelines from the American Disabilities Act. The classrooms have been painted; the gymnasium/cafeteria floor resurfaced and painted. A fire alarm system, safety system, kitchen and lavatory renovations and a new boiler have been installed to meet safety codes and provide proper facilities for the children. The building renovations were made with rental and other funds grant monies without impact on the School Budget. While further renovation is needed, the building and grounds meet safety standards and provide a comfortable setting for the students.

The preschool and kindergarten classes accommodate 82 children from ages 3-6. The preschool and Chapter 1 children attend in two sessions: morning and afternoon; the kindergarten is in session five days each week from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and until 11:00 am on Wednesdays. Tuition for the

preschool is assisted for non-special education students and a sliding fee scale is applied when appropriate. Lunch for the kindergarten class is brought in from the High School. A part-time custodian attends to the building and grounds in the morning and afternoon.

The preschool classes and the kindergarten classes are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This accreditation was granted in 1995 after an extensive and exhaustive evaluation process. The educational program provided to the students meets and exceeds the recommendations of the NAEYC. Special education preschool and kindergarten children receive a variety of educational and special education services in speech and language therapy, sensory-motor integration therapy, occupational and physical therapy. Students without special educational needs are provided the highest quality preschool and/or kindergarten experience. The kindergarten program provides the same core curriculum and activities (art, music, physical education) as the other kindergarten classes in Stoneham. The integrated classes are lauded for their ability to provide typical role models for special education children and diversity and acceptance for all students. Parents of preschool and kindergarten students are able to receive individual consultation to enhance their child's educational experience.

SOUTH SCHOOL

1996 has been a year of transition for South School families. Because of overcrowding in our small building, it has been necessary to transfer our incoming fourth graders to the Robin Hood School. This year we are a kindergarten through third grade and one fifth grade class. In the fall of 1997 we will be a K-3 primary school. This configuration should stay constant until more elementary space is provided for Stoneham's children.

- South continues to offer an excellent instructional program. All staff are actively involved with professional development workshops, seminars and graduate courses. We continue to use the innovative Won Way language arts program, Box It Bag It and Opening Eyes to Math programs.
- Staff and students are enjoying our new social studies and science programs which give students the opportunity to use inquiry, experimentation and reasoning skills to better understand social and scientific phenomena.
- South School is participating in a Department of Education grant program which fosters collaboration and sharing between schools in Eastern Massachusetts. There are nine elementary schools

which comprise the Northeast Elementary Alliance. These schools are located in Salem, Winthrop, Wakefield, Peabody and Lynn. The state has awarded \$18,000 to be used by the Alliance to provide professional development opportunities for our staffs.

- We are already planning some state of the art speakers and seminar leaders for early 1997.
- Stoneham is also participating in another state grant, a teacher fellowship program which encourages teachers to take leadership roles in their school communities. Two members of South's staff are participating in this year-long program with other Stoneham staff.
- Thanks to our active PTO and School Council, South's playground was given a much needed face lift this past summer. Rather than being identified as the school on the corner of Main and Summer Streets, South is now known as the school with the green slide. The facelift was done primarily to make our old playground safety and more child friendly.
- South School continues to make computer technology a key priority. We have received two additional computers this year. Our goal is to have 5200 Macintosh computers in each classroom.
- Staff, parents and students at South School continue to work as a team to foster a most caring and challenging school environment.

COLONIAL PARK SCHOOL

Colonial Park School offers a caring, safe environment in which children can learn. The staff is experienced and collaborate as a team with ongoing professional growth a core value.

The chief components of our program are as follows:

- A strong partnership with parents who are vital, integral contributors to school life, providing special events, enrichment opportunities, parent presentations and projects with ongoing support.
- A School Council comprised of staff, parents, and a community member to act as an advisory group to the Principal. Having completed a playground project they are currently working towards the renovation and refurbishing of the school library.
- An integrated curriculum linking art and sciences

to help enable all children to discover their gifts as learners.

- A strong literature-based instructional program that develops in children a love of books and an awareness of how literature opens new worlds to them.
- Multi-age and cross grade level partnerships that develop projects and learning experiences to encourage student-centered learning.
- Enrichment programs focusing on the Arts with programs ranging from visits from the Young Audiences presentation of Tribal Rhythms, Boston Symphony Orchestra (percussion, harp, brass and jazz), ensembles, workshop on creating with clay, Catskill Puppet Theater's production of Hiawatha and The Little Theatre of the Deaf's production of a World of Whys.
- Collaboration and co-teaching between special education and standard curriculum teachers to encourage the inclusion of all students in the learning process.
- Intramural program for 4th and 5th grade students.
- Computer lending program.
- Class visits to Whip Hill for environmental awareness and nature experiences.
- A yearly cross-grade level (grades 2 and 3) musical program to encourage self-confidence and creativity. A combined 4th and 5th grade chorus.
- Teaching methodologies that encourage students to explore, observe and inquire about the world around them.
- A school wide collaboration on the theme, "It Takes a Child to Educate a Village - Let a Child Show You How!" Grant money was provided by the Stoneham Business and Community Educational Foundation. Children will design and create 8 quilts to be given to children with AIDS.
- A Principal's Council comprised of elected student representatives to provide a vehicle for all students to give suggestions to the Principal and staff.
- The celebration of the uniqueness of the individual with projects that showcase and exhibit each student's creativity.
- A Peer leader group in grade five.

- Collaboration between a high school class and our second grade class.
- Community outreach programs involving local senior citizens and a special needs class from North School.
- Intergenerational volunteering and sharing of skills and talents.
- An Instrumental Music Program.
- An Italian Language Program.
- Participation in a project to benefit the Visiting Nurses Association of Stoneham.

High standards of achievement are encouraged, using varied teaching strategies and theories to respond to each child's varied learning styles.

ROBIN HOOD SCHOOL

Robin Hood had to undergo some reconfiguration this year in order to deal with increasing enrollment, so the preschool classes and some kindergarten students were relocated to the facility at North School. A third section of second grade was added and there are now four classes of fourth grade. Facility tours took place in the spring by the Feasibility Study Committee and in the fall by consulting engineers to help deal with these problems.

The alternative kindergarten schedule (2 1/2 days per week) continues to operate successfully. Four classes of first and second grade students participate in a continuous progress primary. They work with their teachers for two years. Third grade teachers and two fourth grade staff specialize in a curricula area while working with all students at that grade level. Two other fourth grade sections operate in an integrated format. In this manner, staff members share responsibility for curriculum, planning, modifications and students assessment.

New science and social studies materials and curricula are being incorporated at every grade level. A multicultural theme was chosen for the year to reinforce new social studies concepts. Enrichment presentations, funded by the PTO, were made by a multicultural story teller, musicians and a native American. The students also assembled flags from around the world and received Italian instruction for the first time.

The PTO, along with the Stoneham Education Foundation, also funded a six week author-in-residence program. The Robin Hood School council and PTO jointly sponsored an evening at the Red Sox and funds gener-

ated were used to purchase a MacIntosh computer for the school.

Tasks from the Robin Hood School Improvement Plan included program reviews of the primary and grade three academic programs, meetings with the safety officer regarding the traffic pattern surrounding the school and formation of a student monthly newsletter.

The year 1996 will forever be known as the year of the cobra at Robin Hood. Fortunately, the snake was caught without injury to anyone and students and staff were able to get back to the important business of teaching and learning holding high expectations for all.

STONEHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Stoneham Middle School's total enrollment in December of 1996 is 593 students. The distribution per class is as follows: Grade 6 - 208, Grade 7 - 187 and Grade 8 - 197. The staff at the middle school consists of 67 full and part-time teachers and support staff. Students are disbursed among one of five academic teams - Team 6, Team 6/7, Team 7, Team 7/8 and Team 8. Each team consists of four teachers in the academic disciplines in science, mathematics, language arts and social studies.

Specialist teachers include faculty in the areas of physical education, computer keyboarding, fine arts, family and consumer science, technology, health education, reading and foreign languages. Also on staff are a librarian, five teachers of special education, two special education aides, two teaching assistants, two guidance counselors and a school psychologist.

New faces on the faculty in the fall of 1996 include Kathleen Corindia (grades 7 & 8 math), Michelle Cahill and Paul Hardy (physical education), Joan Jacob (keyboarding), Jell Carpenito (teaching assistant), Julianna Warner (student teacher - grade 8 English), Kathy DiFraia and Leah Johnson (student interns with guidance department) and Rick Cioffi (night custodian). After 29 years of dedicated service to the children of Stoneham, our head custodian, Charlie Murphy, retired November of 1996. We wish him much happiness in his retirement. He will not soon be forgotten. John Tardiff was selected as our new head custodian.

As in the previous five years, heterogeneous grouping of students exists at all grade levels. This aspect of the middle school allows for a variety of classroom methodologies in order to meet individual students' educational, emotional and social needs. Various teaching strategies, such as interdisciplinary units, cooperative learning, team teaching and inclusion, are utilized to motivate all students.

All grade six classes are heterogeneously grouped. Students in seventh and eighth grade math classes remain grouped by ability with one class of accelerated algebra offered in grade eight.

Within each discipline are found important events that highlight special achievements and deserve recognition. Included in those are the following:

Science:

- Julie Aresco and Ryan Seabury shared the 1996 Thomas Cleary Award for science students at the middle school.
- Science scores for the Massachusetts Educational Assessment Tests(MEAP) were equal to the state score levels. A significant increase was registered in the open-ended response questions this year. These questions measure higher order thinking skills and the ability to apply knowledge to problem solving.
- A Massachusetts Department of Education Goals 2000 Grant was received this year for a study of our middle school science program. A committee of science teachers analyzed our science program and The Massachusetts State Science Frameworks to assess where we will need to implement changes to align our program with the Frameworks.
- Several new hands-on activity sets were purchased from Cambridge Physics for use in our Grade 8 physical science program.
- Atlantic Gelatin of Woburn, a division of Kraft Foods, has presented The Science Screen Report for Kids video series to the Stoneham Middle School. This set of eight, short, single-topic videos highlights current topics in science and presents a set of activities to enhance and update our science programs.
- Neil Clark, from the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority, presented a classroom program to our eighth grade students. These programs looked at how fresh water gets to us through our water distribution system.

Mathematics:

- The Middle School MEAP scores in mathematics were above the state average on both the open-ended and the multiple choice questions.
- The Stoneham Middle School Math Team finished

first in their division in the Intermediate Math League.

Social Studies:

- The Social Studies Department is comprised of five teachers in grades 6-8, all of whom are certified in social studies and hold Master's degrees.
- The department has spent a good deal of its professional development time preparing for the Massachusetts Social Studies Frameworks and the Common core of Learning.
- Eighth grade students scored above the state average on both the objective and open-ended Mass. Education Assessment Test, with scores of 1340 and 1380 respectively.

English and Reading:

- Leigh Warren was the Stoneham Middle School's winner of the annual Boston Herald's "Writing to Win" Scholastic Competition.
- MEAP scores in Reading were 30 points higher than the 1994 scores and 30 points higher than the state average.
- MEAP scores in the open-ended questions (tests students' writing skills) were 70 points higher than the 1994 scores and 50 points higher than the state average.

World Languages:

- The World Languages Department now offers language everyday to students recommended for a language.
- The World Languages Department received a grant from the state to help implement the State Frameworks and the National Goals 2000.

Keyboarding:

- All grade six students take an introduction to keyboarding class in the Apple IIE lab.

Technology Education:

- Curricula changes in grades seven and eight were made to move from Industrial Arts to Technology Education.
- Technology Education places an emphasis on understanding the technological areas of communication, power and energy, transportation and manufacturing construction.

- The activities require problem solving, inventing, designing and constructing while utilizing math, science, and newly acquired skills with tools and materials in technology-based applications.

Family and Consumer Science:

- Curricula changes in grades seven and eight were made to move from Home Economics to Family and Consumer Sciences.
- The focus is to offer students the experience of participating in life skill courses that prepare them for real life situations.
- Self-expression and exploration are encouraged by involvement in projects that also promote teamwork and cooperation.

Fines Arts:

- Art exhibits of student work were held at the Stoneham Public Library, Stoneham Community Art Gallery and Festival of the Arts in May at the Stoneham High School.
- Stoneham Middle School Band and Chorus groups performed locally at the Stoneham Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- Winter and Spring Concerts were held at the Middle School.
- All Town Band concert was held in May.
- The following students were accepted into the Northeast District Jr. Festival groups:

Junior District Chorus

Daniel Christie
Nick Cacciola
Laura Fardy
Leigh Warren

Junior District Band

Frank Cho
Ted Breen
Mila DiDonato
Jackie Feke

- Band and Chorus continue to grow in size and improve in quality.
- The Fine Arts staff were recipients of a Goals 2000 Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education for study and implementation of the new Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in the Arts.
- Staff members continue to distinguish themselves as professional in their respective fields by active participation in performance and exhibition opportunities in the region.

Middle School Guidance:

- Differential aptitude Tests were administered to all grade 8 students in October. Results are reported only as an individual score. These are mailed home and discussed with the students during February.
- CTY Program - Twenty-three sixth and seventh graders were selected to take part in a qualifying round of tests for the CTY (Center for Talented Youth) Program, which is sponsored by John Hopkins University. To be eligible, students must have scored in the 97th, 98th or 99th percentile on selected tests on either the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills or the Cognitive Abilities Test. Qualifiers are announced in the spring.
- A Cross-Age Tutoring Program between Stoneham Middle School and Central School is underway. Eight, eighth grade students travel to Central School once per cycle to assist the younger students in grades one and two. In conjunction with this program, the guidance staff holds sessions with the student tutors to help develop communication skills and their understanding of this age group.
- Guidance Interns - Both members of the counseling staff have a graduate intern working with them for the year.

Extra curricular activities at the Middle School are available to those students who wish to participate. Participants have the opportunity to find their "niche" within the many programs designed to promote school involvement and build self-esteem. Popular activities include Student Council, Drama Club, Math League, Creative Crafters, Guitar Club and the school newspaper, Middle School Scoop. In addition, intramural sports, such as floor hockey, golf, volleyball, tennis, cross country, and weightlifting are offered after school.

Supplementary programs that benefit Middle School students and staff are also planned and implemented by the hardworking efforts of the Parent-Teacher League(PTL). In 1996, through fund-raisers such as popular dances, Book Fairs, Faculty Foul Ups, Town Day Dunk Tank, Facepainting and Sand Art projects, the PTL was able to offer exciting assemblies for students and provide additional funds for field trips. Some enrichment programs made available were as follows: Tony DeBlois, an autistic musical savant, authors Yoko Watkins and Avi, and the Hampstead Players' Mythmakers. The PTL offers support and appreciation to administrators, teachers and staff, provides spirit building activities for students and works diligently to enrich the experiences of the school community at large.

The successful events that took place at the Middle School in 1996 were quite diverse in nature. The music department orchestrated two entertaining concerts in the spring and winter of this year. Under the direction of Ben Youngman, Ed Grammer, Len Simboski, and Tony Maceli, the children performed beautifully to the delight of all their audiences. The music laboratory has been a remarkable instructional tool for all our students.

The Drama Club's performance of "I Am A Star!" this past spring was a great success. Ms. Lamm and Ms. Catalano, the club's advisors, did an outstanding job. This year's winter performance, "45 Minutes from Broadway occurred in December. The DARE program held its "graduation" ceremony for the sixth grade students who received participation certificates, citations from the state senators, and DARE T-shirts. Guest speaker was Judge Tyre, a newly appointed juvenile court judge and a parent of one of the graduates.

The Eighth Grade Recognition Night was once again a highlight of the year for our students, teachers, administrators, parents and relatives. Awards for excellence in academics, outstanding performance, school and community service and extracurricular activities were presented to the deserving students. Special awards were presented to Officers Steve Nims and Ed Peek for their dedication, assistance and support of our students. The prestigious Thomas C. Cleary Award was presented to Ryan Seabury and Julie Aresco. The evening was capped off with the Farewell Dance for the eighth grade students to have a "special" evening to share memories and good-byes.

In the third year as an administrative team, James Andreottola and Kathleen Windisch, along with all school personnel, continue to work towards the vision of the Stoneham Middle school building a partnership with the community. The Stoneham Community Police Unit, led by Sgt. Herb Moore, has become increasingly involved with our students. In addition to chaperoning our dances and being visible throughout the school, these officers have presented classroom lessons on citizen rights, probable cause, and fingerprinting, to name a few. Also, in September 1996, the Community Police offered a six to eight week program on Junior Police Academy. There is a waiting list for its next session. the school's vision continues to take shape as teams of students, guided by teachers, develop year long relationships with the senior citizen members of our community. After being made aware of those less fortunate, our eighth students came to their assistance by holding food drives for the needy families in the community.

Our growing lists of community organizations and businesses that have supported our efforts and continue to do so includes Stoneham Ford, Stoneham Boys and

Girls Club, the Stoneham Community Police, the PTL, and the Stoneham Business and Education Collaborative. We are also in partnership with the Stoneham High School business class who share their knowledge of business (running a school store) and act as role models with a group of our students as they establish the Stoneham Middle School Store. This student-run store earned a profit of several hundred dollars this past year, which is used to purchase merchandise and design advertising for the next year's store.

Our entire school staff is actively participating in a wide variety of professional development opportunities. Our main focus for 1996 and future years is to develop and implement an effective method of student evaluation, mainly, alternative assessment. Our in-service days are dedicated to this theme, as well as many teachers' professional days.

All of our school community efforts work to emphasize the core values of the Stoneham Middle School which are: we respect ourselves, each other, and the community; we are responsible for our learning and our behavior; and we become creative problem solvers and competent decision makers.

STONEHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Stoneham High School's October 1, 1996, enrollment was 782 students in Grades 9 - 12. For the 1996-97 school year, 4.5 teachers were hired. Deborah Lynch is a teacher of a teacher of Spanish, Judith Duffy is a Guidance Counselor, Christine Collins is a .6 teacher of Fashion Design and Child Development, and Steve Harrington transferred from the Middle School as a teacher of Mathematics.

The High School Faculty completed the NEASC Accreditation process and the Visiting Team was at Stoneham High School from October 20-23, 1996. The Committee was chaired by Michael Graner of Waterford, CT., whose final report should be available by March 1, 1997.

Stoneham High School has continued its various 'peer' programs. Peer Leaders visit elementary schools, Peer Counselors work within the high school, Peer Counselors work within the high school, and Peer Mediators help mediate student disputes. Ms. Chapman Guides the Peer Leaders, Mrs. O'Toole and Ms. Brennan work with the Peer Counselors, and Ms. Duffy coordinates the efforts of the Peer Mediators. Also, Stoneham High School's SADD chapter sponsored both a Halloween and Holiday party for elementary school children.

The faculty worked both on the Accreditation and on Time and Learning during 1996. In May, the faculty voted to move toward longer block scheduling for the 1997-98

school year. Early Release days in 1997 will be devoted to professional development centered on longer block teaching. A Parent Forum, sponsored by the School Council will be held in February, 1997, to present the tentative 97-98 schedule.

The remainder of this report is presented by Department.

BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL ARTS/TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION, AND FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

- Computer Aide Drafting (CAD) is incorporated in the Technical Drawing classes.
- Twenty-five students qualified and competed in the statewide DECA competition held on Cape Cod in March.
- Two students qualified and competed at the national DECA competition in Orlando, Fla.
- Curriculum changes are being implemented in Business Education, Technology, and Family and Consumer Sciences.
- A new course in Child Development has been introduced this year in the Family and Consumer Sciences department.

FINE ARTS

- Art students won 6 places out of a possible 7 in the National Scholastic Art Show sponsored by the Boston Globe. Winners were members of the Class of 1996. They are Julie Curtis and William Dujisk-Gold Keys; David Khim and Eladio Guevara-Silver Keys; and Michael Denison and John Scullin-Honorable Mention.
- Barbara Price was accepted into the Northeast District Chorus.
- Band Director Ed Grammer and five current Stoneham High School Band members and three Band alumni participated in the Harvard University Summer Pops Band program. Stoneham High School participants included sophomores Erin Chan, Jackie Feke, Steve Werlin, and Ted Breen and junior Jennifer Carli.
- The Fine Arts staff were recipients of a Goals 2000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education for study and implementation of the new Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in the Arts.

- Staff members continue to distinguish themselves as professionals in their respective fields by active participation in performance and exhibition opportunities in the region.

MATHEMATICS

- Nine students took the Advanced Placement test in Calculus AB. Seven students scored 3 or better.
- Professional development by the Mathematics Department continues to be directed towards the implementation of the University of Chicago program.
- When appropriate, programmable/graphing calculators are used in math classes to facilitate learning.
- The Math Team continues to be successful in the competitive North Shore Math League.
- Grade 10 students scored above the state average on the mathematics section of the MEAP test.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

- In excess of 50% of students in grade 9, 10 and 11 passed their fitness tests taken in October.
- The majority of seniors finish their graduation requirement in Physical Education prior to their senior year.
- Twenty Varsity sports are offered at Stoneham High School. During the winter season of 1996, the boys' and girls' track and boys' basketball team went on to post season competition. Last spring the baseball, softball and boys' and girls' track teams advanced to tournament action. The girls' volleyball team also qualified for the state tournament in the fall of 1996.
- Three hundred and twenty student-athletes participated on athletic teams in the fall of 1996.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

- An Advanced Placement Study Grant was received from the Department of Education for development of plans for an Advanced Placement Biology Program.
- In September, Advanced Placement Biology was offered at SHS for the first time.

- Seven members of the staff participated in advanced study programs in Nuclear Physics, AP Biology Training, Cooperative Learning strategies, Seismic Studies, Building Self Esteem, Current topics in Chemistry, and Patterns in Nature - Fractals.

- The science department has begun a review of our current science programs to make sure that our programs meet the new Massachusetts Science Frameworks.
- Atlantic Gelatin of Woburn, a division of Kraft Foods, has presented to the Stoneham Middle School the Science Screen Reports video series. this set of six short single topic videos, highlights current topics in science and presents a set of activities to use with each video to help science programs remain up-to-date. The programs were used in the Biology and Earth Science classes.
- Howard Dimmick, an Earth Science Teacher at the High School, has been elected President of the National Earth Science Teachers Association.
- Over 200 students participated in the Harbor Exploration program in Conjunction with U-MASS Boston. This program brings the students to Boston Harbor for a hands-on Oceanography program on Envirolab III.
- Meg Tabasco from the Mass Water Resources Authority presented two days of classroom programs in our Biology and Earth Science Classes this year. These programs looked at how Sewage Treatment occurs in the MWRA system.

SOCIAL STUDIES

- The Social Studies Department raised approximately \$6000 to help send 13 students to Washington, DC for the highly acclaimed Close-Up Program. This is the 22nd year the department has participated in this program.
- Eighteen students took the Advanced Placement U.S. History test and received a score of 3 or better, which will qualify them for college credit.
- The sophomores scored a 1410 on the statewide Social Studies MEAP test, which is 110 points above the state average.

GUIDANCE SERVICES

The goal of the Guidance Department is to assist each student in becoming an effectively functioning, self-directed individual with a sense of responsibility to himself and others. The major functions of the guidance department are educational, personal and career counseling, and group testing. Special programs are parenting, peer tutoring and peer counseling.

Students in grades three, five and seven were administered the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. Eighth grade students took the Differential Aptitude Test and Career Planning Program. An individual written report interprets the educational and vocational planning implications for each student based on nine aptitudes, the student's educational goals, interests and grades. The College Entrance Examination Board Tests and the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery are given to interested high school students.

The Massachusetts Board of Education mandates that the Massachusetts Assessment Test be given every other year to students in grades four, eight and ten. This test was given in 1996.

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills is an achievement test given to students in grades three, five and seven. The scores are reported as grade equivalents.

IOWA TEST OF BASIC SKILLS 1996 RESULTS

	Word Study Skills								
	Voc	Read	Lang Skills	Math Skills	Compo Site	Social Studies	Science		
GRADE 7									
**Test Date/									
Grade Level	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	
Actual G.E.	7.5	7.8*	7.5	7.9	7.6	7.7	8.1	8.6	
Difference	-.2	+.1**	-.2	+.2	-.1	+.0	+.4	+.9	
GRADE 5									
Test Date/									
Grade Level	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	
Actual G.E.	6.1	6.1	6.2	5.9	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.6	
Difference	+.4	+.4	+.5	+.2	+.1	+.3	+.4	+.9	
GRADE 3									
**Test Date/									
Grade Level	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	
Actual G.E.	4.0	4.2	4.2	3.9	3.8	4.0	4.4	4.6	
Difference	+.3	+.5	+.5	+.2	+.1	+.3	+.7	+.9	

*7.8 = 7th grade 8 month

**+.1 = 1 month above grade level

The State Board of Education mandates that the Massachusetts Assessment Tests be given every other year to students in grades four, eight and ten. The results of the 1996 testing are:

	State Ave.	Stoneham Ave.	Comparison Score Band
Grade 4			
Reading	1350	1370	1380 - 1430
Mathematics	1330	1350	1360 - 1410
Science	1360	1370	1390 - 1440
Social Studies	1340	1380	1370 - 1420

	State Ave.	Stoneham Ave.	Comparison Score Band
Grade 8			
Reading	1380	1410	1370 - 1420
Mathematics	1330	1340	1310 - 1370
Science	1330	1330	1330 - 1380
Social Studies	1320	1350	1300 - 1360

	State Ave.	Stoneham Ave.	Comparison Score Band
Grade 10			
Reading	1310	1410	1330 - 1380
Mathematics	1310	1370	1330 - 1380
Science	1310	1400	1330 - 1380
Social Studies	1300	1410	1310 - 1370

The Comparison Score Band is a statistic that permits a school or district to compare its results to schools with similar populations based on information or student background factors collected during the test administration.

The results of the Scholastic Aptitude Tests of the College Entrance Examination Board taken by 83% of Stoneham High School students in the Class of 1996 were:

Range	Verbal	Mathematical
700 and above	1%	3%
600 and above	20%	15%
500 and above	58%	50%
400 and above	91%	85%
300 and above	98%	98%

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST SCORES - CLASS OF 1996

	Stoneham	National	Massachusetts
Verbal	514	505	507
Mathematics	493	508	504

The guidance staff, teachers and administrators function as an effective team in placement of graduates. The follow-up of the members of the Class of 1995 indicated:

Four-Year Colleges	62.4%
Two-Year Regionally Accredited Colleges	12.9%
Other Schools	2.6%
Service	1.0%
Employed	20.1%
Other	1.0%
TOTAL	100.0%

EVENING SCHOOL

Fourteen (14) courses were offered in Stoneham Evening School.

One hundred sixty registrations were received. The most popular courses were Sewing, Word Processing, and Introduction to Computers.

MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Despite cutbacks in regular budget and support staff, Media & Technology Services continues to provide quality services to students and staff. Additional classroom and administrative technology and local area networks have been added in 1996, as we continue to build a foundation for instructional technology in our schools.

Training and technical support is still a priority issue now that more new computers have been purchased and networks have been built in each school that will connect us to the internet. Teachers are being shown the positive advantages of using technology in their classrooms. Courses and workshops are being given for all staff to participate in.

A comprehensive technology plan is still in progress and is scheduled for completion before June of 1997. The key issues of this plan are funding, staffing, training, restructuring and technology integration into the classrooms. Current Media & Technology Services to students and staff include:

- information searching beyond the school walls using "on-line" services
- information research using CD-ROM technology
- use of graphing calculators for trigonometry with LCD overhead projection
- drafting 3-D images using computer-assisted design (CAD)
- keyboarding and word processing using computers
- distance learning and data down links using a satellite dish
- educational access cable television channel 30
- cable in the classroom in all schools
- laser disk and video tape instruction
- television production and communication skills
- administrative computer assistance
- technology support for all
- community related technology assistance

Even with the recent grant of a \$200,000 technology bond from the Town, we have just begun to meet the needs of students and staff. Continued budget support for additional equipment is only half of the need. We must also put

forth an aggressive, mandatory training program for staff to show them the ways technology and our new access to the internet in each school can make a difference in the way we teach our children.

The community should be welcomed into our schools to use some of this leading edge technology in order (1) to better understand what students are able to do with it and (2) to put this expensive technology to use after 3:00 p.m. Thus, training should be expanded to members of the community to support our "Global Village" initiatives.

FINE ARTS

Students in Grades 1-12 participated in the May Arts Festival which included The All-Town Band Concert and a exhibition of Student Art Work. Several hundred community members attended.

For High School and Middle School activities please see respective annual reports.

Elementary

Music:

- All fourth grade students attended a Boston Symphony Orchestra Youth Concert performance.
- The fifth grade instrumental music program continues to grow.
- The Central School Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Cruickshank, performed at Town Hall on Veteran's Day and at the dedication ceremonies of the Al Duff Jr. Memorial Playground.

Art:

- Murals created by South School first grade students were displayed at the Stoneham Public Library.

Fine Arts Staff:

- The Fine Arts Staff were recipients of a Goals 2000 Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education for study and implementation of the new Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in the Arts.
- Staff members continue to distinguish themselves as professionals in their respective fields by active participation in performance and exhibition opportunities in the region.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

The Physical Education and Athletic Department conducts a variety of programs including, but not limited to required Physical Education, Adaptive Physical Education,

Intramural Programs, and an Interscholastic Athletic program. These programs were planned within the limitations of staff, facilities, and budget appropriation and with attention to equal access to program offerings and facilities.

The physical education department presently employs a total of 7.8 physical education teachers:

- 2.0 for the high school - 2 full-time
- 2.8 for the middle school - 1 full-time and 3 part-time 2/5, 3/5 & 4/5
- 3.0 for the elementary schools - 3 full-time

Our physical education teachers and one adaptive physical education teacher, grades K-12, follow the physical education curriculum and present the proper physical conditioning for appropriate activities and teach skills in a safe and sequential manner.

The current fitness testing program consists of the following:

- screening test - grades K, 1, & 2
- youth physical fitness test-grades 4, 5, 7, & 8
- health-related test - grades 3, 6, 9, 10, 11, & 12

Our objective is to combine assessment of our fitness program with practical follow-up on why and how to stay fit for a lifetime. During the past year, 50% of the students passed the above fitness tests.

Postural screening for students in grades 5 through 9 and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes for all grade 11 students were effectively conducted. Also, an adaptive physical education program that serviced the special physical needs of some students continued with measurable success.

The Intramural Program is a series of voluntary, organized physical activities available to students grades 4-12 within the schools. Emphasis is on participation at all ability levels.

Our athletic program is made up of 20 varsity interscholastic sports 10 sports for the girls' program and 10 sports for the boys' program. In addition, there are fall and

winter Cheerleading squads. In total there are 38 high school squads including freshman, junior varsity and varsity. The overall goal of the athletic program at Stoneham High School is to provide equal opportunity for all student-athletes to reach their full potential as members of competitive teams. Each sport and each level of participation has specific goals and objectives which fit into the framework of the athletic program.

During the past 1995-1996 school year 797 slots were filled by participants in our sports program (Fall - Winter - Spring). There were 416 girls and boys participating in one or more sports; this represents an impressive 52% of our total high school enrollment of 800.

1995-1996 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Girls' Volleyball qualified for the state tournament
- Boys' Basketball qualified for the state tournament
- Boys' Baseball qualified for the state tournament
- Girls' Softball qualified for the state tournament

1996 FALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Volleyball qualified for the state tournament
- Bonnie Campbell (Volleyball) and Anthony Ragucci (Cross Country) were chosen Boston Globe All Scholastic

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT - ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Safety is an important part of our athletic program. The major items listed below are some of the highlights insuring the health and welfare of our student-athletes.

- students were equipped well for personal safety
- our equipment received proper maintenance care
- our trainers from Advantage provided excellent medical support to our students
- our school physicians, Dr. Danis and Dr. Pifko, and the school nurses screened and cared for the physical health of our athletes, and
- school maintenance workers gave careful attention to the condition of our fields for practices and games.

STONEHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
1995-1996
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC SUMMARY

Sport	Year	Athletes	Won	Lost	Tied	Coach	Season
Cheerleading-Fall	95-96	14				Eileen DiLisio	Fall
Cross Country (B)	95-96	13	5	4		Wayne Fillback	Fall
Cross Country (G)	95-96	14	7	2		Wayne Fillback	Fall
Field Hockey (V/JV)	95-96	39	3	13	2	Susan Christofi	Fall
Football (V/JV/F)	95-96	114	6	3	1	Al Lanni	Fall
Golf	95-96	14	4	4	2	Bill Seabury	Fall
Soccer (B) (V/JV)	95-96	51	3	11	4	Jim Carino	Fall
Soccer (G) (V/JV)	95-96	33	4	11	1	Sharon Chapman	Fall
Volleyball (V/JV)	95-96	22	13	3		Michele Cahill	Fall
Basketball (B) (V/JV/F)	95-96	41	12	8		Bill Killilea	Winter
Basketball (G) (V/JV)	95-96	22	0	18		Deb Deacon	Winter
Cheerleading - Winter	95-96	14				Eileen DiLisio	Winter
Gymnastics	95-96	14	2	4		Susan Christofi	Winter
Ice Hockey (V/JV)	95-96	29	2	15	1	Bob Carr	Winter
Track - Winter (B)	95-96	79	6	2	1	Bob Powers	Winter
Track - Winter (G)	95-96	42	7	2		Alain Rocher	Winter
Baseball (V/JV/F)	95-96	44	11	7		Bill Seabury	Spring
Softball (V/JV/F)	95-96	45	10	8		Dick Burnham	Spring
Tennis (B)	95-96	17	5	13		Paul Atkinson	Spring
Tennis (G)	95-96	24	7	11		Jim Carino	Spring
Track - Spring (B)	95-96	62	7	4		Wayne Fillback	Spring
Track - Spring (G)	95-96	50	7	2		Alain Rocher	Spring
Total Participation		797					
Cheerleading-Fall	96-97	15				Eileen DiLisio	Fall
Cross Country (B)	96-97	14	8	1		Wayne Fillback	Fall
Cross Country (G)	96-97	19	5	4		Wayne Fillback	Fall
Field Hockey (V/JV)	96-97	38	3	11	4	Susan Christofi	Fall
Football (V/JV/F)	96-97	104	0	10	0	Al Lanni	Fall
Golf	96-97	14	4	5	0	Bill Seabury	Fall
Soccer (B) (V/JV/F)	96-97	48	7	8	3	Jim Carino	Fall
Soccer (G) (V/JV)	96-97	33	3	13	2	Sharon Chapman	Fall
Volleyball (V/JV)	96-97	35	13	3		Michele Cahill	Fall

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Department of Special Education is charged with the evaluation, assessment and provision of services to students found to meet the criteria for special education. This includes students who are hearing impaired, visually handicapped, physically handicapped, learning disabled, multiply handicapped, emotionally disturbed, or intellectually handicapped. The Department of Special Education adheres to the rules and policies set forth by state (Chapter 766) and federal (PL 94-142) laws governing the education of students with special education needs. Under these laws, schools are mandated to deliver services required to assist children in receiving a free, appropriate public education to ensure the maximum possible development of children with special needs in the least restrictive environment. Under these regulations, all students between the ages of three and twenty-two are eligible for services. The State Department of Education has encouraged outreach to preschool children through early screening.

The Department of Special Education continues to support pre-referral measures through building-based Child Study or Teacher Assistance Teams that allow for modifications and adaptations of students' educational programs without the need for referral to special education. This works in conjunction with a consultation model provided to classroom teachers by specialists. Special educators also provide services, whenever feasible, within the classroom. This reduces the need for labeling children, often eliminates the need to use a "pull-out" model and reduces the number of referrals to special education.

Another model of service is provided through inclusion classrooms where a regular and special education teacher co-teach. This model allows children who might otherwise be placed in a more restrictive setting an opportunity to be with age-level peers. Our experience with this model over the past two years has shown that all children benefit from the support provided by two skilled teachers as well as the diversity of the classroom. Special education students, in particular, learn more age-appropriate social and academic behaviors and exhibit an increased level of self esteem. Teachers continually enhance each other's teaching style in the daily exchange of skills and knowledge.

By providing special services within the regular classroom setting, the Department of Special Education is committed to the integration of therapies (occupational, sensory-motor, speech and language, physical, et. al.) throughout the student's school day. Consultation from specialists to classroom teachers allows the teacher to incorporate the child's educational goals and objectives throughout the curriculum in a cohesive, consistent manner.

The models of service provision within the classroom continues to reduce the number of children referred for special education. The Department of Special Education is committed to reducing the number of children identified as having special education needs and increasing children's ability to learn and develop.

Despite the decline in numbers of children referred for special education, there has been an increase in the numbers of children referred to outside placements, hence an increase in cost. Several of these children have moved into Stoneham while attending a private special education facility. In almost all instances, it has not been possible to provide them comparable services within our schools. The cost of transportation to outside placements continues to escalate.

The Department of Special Education continually evaluates the needs of special education students and uses the information to plan for and design programs that meet the needs of all special education students.

In compliance with regulations, a copy of Stoneham's Annual Program Plan for special education will be on file at the Public Library for community inspection and comments.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The Office of Business Management is responsible for most of the support services for the educational program and is also entrusted with the care of all of the property of the school district. The major support services include food service, maintenance and custodial services, data processing, transportation and student health services.

CAFETERIA SERVICES

This department is responsible for providing breakfast at the High School for approximately 200 students and staff and lunch throughout the system for approximately 1,300 students and staff every day. Under the direction of Diane Grandinetti, Cafeteria Services Director, 21 employees operate a full-service cafeteria at the High School, partial-service cafeterias (some cooking) at the Middle School and Central School, and satellite cafeterias (serving of food cooked at the High School) at Robin Hood, Colonial Park, and South elementary schools.

In addition to the school Lunch Program, certain community outreach and educational programs are sponsored by the department. We continue to work with the Stoneham council on Aging to provide "Sunday Dinner at the High School" for Stoneham's Senior Citizens several times a year. This program is supported financially by the Marconi

Club and students from various groups at the High School and Middle School serve as waiters and waitresses. Choral and drama groups sometimes provide entertainment as well. Average attendance is about 100. We are very pleased and proud that this program has been so successful.

Distributive Education students continue to operate the pizza concession and the slush concession, enabling them to obtain practical retailing experience and help to fund some extracurricular activities.

A major concern for the future is of course, money. Cafeteria Services is operated as a revolving fund entity. Revenues generated by sales to students and staff are expected to cover all expenses, including equipment replacement. As our equipment ages, we are faced with more and more replacement needs. Moreover, the Federal Government has indicated that it intends to downside certain programs, including the school lunch program. Our challenge is to maintain our level of service in the face of increasing expenses and declining subsidies and still keep our prices reasonable. We are confident that our dedicated staff will respond successfully to this challenge.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Stoneham Public Schools provides transportation to all students who live two or more miles from school. In addition, four special needs students are transported to out-of-district placements.

The transportation function is contracted. Three buses transport students to school each day. Mr. Donald Simpson, Business Manager, oversees this service.

SYSTEMWIDE DATA PROCESSING

The Systemwide Data Processing department operates and manages a computer system that maintains and reports student data pertaining to the scheduling of classes, grade reporting, academic history, attendance, discipline and other demographics.

The computer system utilizes a state-of-the-art file server in an on-line, interactive, multi-user environment running STAR BASE, a third party software product in ORACLE, a relational database management system.

At present, remote terminals and printers in the high school and middle school interface directly with the computer, but elementary school work requires batching paperwork and processing it centrally via keyboard at entry or optical scanner.

A future plan, if implemented, would enable direct

interfacing of all schools using the institutional loop already provided to the Town by Continental Cablevision. This effort, however, requires the acquisition of additional communications equipment and is presently constrained by budget considerations.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

The district is served by 2.7 FTE school nurses. In addition to routine first aid, they are responsible for all student health records and state mandated health programs. This year the nurses conducted vision and hearing screenings for 2,750 students, postural screening for 1,020 students, and assisted with 650 physical exams. They administered medications according to school policy and checked student health records for both compliance and follow up of all student immunizations. A free Hepatitis B clinic was offered to all students in grade six, with 100 students receiving three injections over a six month period. A second clinic for measles immunization was held at the Middle School and the High School for students who were not in compliance with the mandated state law, and a clinic was held at the High School for students who needed a tetanus booster. Preschool classes, including special needs students attending North School this year, have been screened according to law, and a nurse participated with the special education team, whenever necessary, for children with medical needs. The school nurses provided emergency care for both ill and injured students as well.

Our school nurses serve as a resource and provide an important additional link to the community, whether the linkage is to support a parent with an ill child, to answer health related questions, or to assist the Board of Health with community immunizations.

Dr. John Danis, who served as school physician for thirty-two years, retired in June of 1996. In September, Dr. Marc Pifko, local physician, was appointed as the new school physician.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special Services is responsible for the care and maintenance of approximately two million dollars worth of buildings and 3.3 million square feet of grounds. We are also responsible for the modernization of seven (7) operational schools.

Special Services also deals with some maintenance of the East School facilities presently leased to the Visiting Nurses of Middlesex East. Budget constraints are continuing to hamper adequate maintenance of facilities.

Projects that Special Services has provided include the renovation of the entire North School project, including

H. P. ramps at the front entrance and replacing the front door with a new H. P. requirement, updated fire alarm system, activated and repaired exhaust fans to existing toilet rooms as well as constructing a new H. P. toilet room. Exercise equipment was installed and the gym floor was sanded and refinished. A security video camera and door lock control was installed to the front door and additional outlets were installed in classrooms as well as the office. Our staff has responded successfully to this challenge.

Our crew has also installed new ADA approved ground cover and related pressure treated timbers at Central School as well as Project Fit America equipment and some new playground equipment. Central School carpeting was removed and replaced with vinyl floor tiles in two (2) classrooms.

At South School obsolete playground equipment and existing peastone was removed and replaced with new National Safety Council approved wood carpet ground cover.

We also repaired portable baseball/football bleachers at the High School and relocated the bleachers from the football field to the softball field. This is done annually. Our crew also lined all athletic fields, parking lots, as well as the Middle School track oval. All athletic fields are mowed, bushes trimmed and grounds kept free from leaves. We also watered all athletic fields as required.

Robin Hood School had partial removal of window grates; these were painted and grates were reinstalled. In the kitchen, the sink and base cabinets were replaced and the exhaust fan in the kitchen and office toilet rooms were repaired. Due to the flood of October, we were required to

pump out two (2) basement classrooms as well as disinfect the area involved and dispose of damaged paper supplies.

Middle School was flooded this fall, requiring us to use wet vacs in order to clean the area; then all the area involved was disinfected.

Systemwide, snow poles were installed, furniture was moved and computers and supplies were attended to on a daily basis. Sandblasting graffiti from masonry walls and re-sealing with water-proofing sealants was done as needed.

CONCLUSIONS

As you can tell from the preceding pages, nineteen ninety-six was a busy, productive, and exciting year for the Stoneham School Department. The many achievements of our students in academic, extra-curricular, and service arenas are a source of pride. The professionalism and many contributions of a competent and caring staff are a source of pride. The support of a community which acts on the belief that our children hold our future in their hands is a source of pride.

Our communal pride is based on clear evidence that together we are making a difference. Good schools are found in good communities and good communities create good schools. We thank the residents of Stoneham for the many contributions they make to support the School Department and also for the confidence this community places with us. It is a privilege and an honor to be entrusted with the education of the children of Stoneham.

Graduates...Class of 1996

Thomas Brian Adams
+* Lauren Alberta
John Ralph Anastas, Jr.
John Brewis Anderson
Krystel Leigh Anderson
Lisa Angiolilli
Rita Mary Blanchard
* Jaime M. Bluestein
Elizabeth Terri Bosco
Louanne M. Braymiller
Megan Beth Browning
Richard S. Burdick
Brendan M. Burke
Meghan Elizabeth Campbell
Skipper A. Carino
Matthew C. Carroll
Gina L. Cataldo

Nicholas R. Cefalo
Timothy M. Champagne
+* Alicia Lynne Christofi
Jarrod N. Ciampa
Kerry R. Clark
+* Erika M. Cohen
+* Brendan N. Connors
Joseph C. Conroy
Kimberly Ann Cormier
Jaclyn Covelle
Ryan D. Coy
Meredith Anne Crosby
Lucas J. Cunningham
Julie Ann Curtis
+* Tarrah Lee Curtis
Terry F. Cutone
Dennis M. Daly

Kimberly T. D'Amico
Kelly Marie Davison
+* Courtney L. DeGeorge
+* Gregory Steven DelGreco
Richard DelRossi
Michael Todd Denison
* Jessica Doreen Derry
Andrew W. Devlin
+* Brian Ulysses Devlin
Anthony P. Dinardi
Jessica E. DiPlatzi
Kathleen Doe
Jana Lynne Doherty
Jason Paul Dotoli
Monique Marie Doucette
+* Stephen Daniel Doyle
Daniel M. Droz

William Thomas Dujisk	Christopher R. Mammino	Andrea Ragucci
Michael Ferrigno	Melisa Anne Marcotte	Edward Michael Regan
+* Laura A. Fiore	Lauren Elizabeth Maxwell	Todd Richard Reily
+* Patricia E. Fiore	Teresa M. Mazza	Kimberly J. Reynolds
Errol Chames Flynn	Suzanne Denise McNaught	Benjamin A. Riddell
Kelly Ann Flynn	* Michelle Amanda Merlino	Nicholas Joseph Riley
+* Shannon Catherine Foley	+* Melissa Marie Miraglia	Danielle Roach
Alanna R. Fredette	+* Dina Meredith Misail	+* Ellen Maureen Roach
* Lindsay E. French	+* John M. Mitchell	Tiffany Rose Rotondi
Rachel Lynn Fresco	Kellie J. Mooney	+* Andrea Marie Russell
Donnamarie Anne Gartland	Mollie A. Morrell	Taylor Russo
Justin E. Garue	Jennifer Katherine Morsett	Melissa Ann Sawyer
Patricia Rose Geary	Melissa Marie Mottola	Robert Scali
+* Anthony P. Gentile	Erika Musto	Jason R. Schuster
Richard L. Gillis	Thomas J. Mustone	Daniela Sclafani
Katheline Gonzalez	John K. Nemerowski	John B. Scullin
Scott Michael Grace	+* Susie Wai-Ying Ng	Christopher M. Scully
Eladio S. Guevara	* Nicole Nichols	Kaytee Lyn Seabury
Charles Richard Halpin	David Richard Noonan	Melissa Sarah Semenza
James P. Halpin	Aimee Marie Norden	Richard A. Serino
Robert M. Halstead	Charles James Norton	* Amy Rachel Silbovitz
Sarah Anne Hanafin	Gina A. Norton	Erika Standke
* Elizabeth Marie Hanson	+* Nicole Suzanne Noska	+* Shawn Adam Stillman
Cheri L. Hastings	+* Colleen Marie O'Brien	Sean D. Stratton
Jason P. Hegarty	Jill O'Brien	Caitlin Anne Sullivan
Joseph P. Hook	Timothy Joe O'Brien	Timothy L. Sullivan
+* Emily Brooke Hopwood	Tracey A. O'Connor	Michael G. Surmach
Kelly A. Hubacheck	Jonathan James O'Donnell	Katelyn Jean Sutherland
William J. Hurcombe	Alison M. O'Keefe	Darren Jon Svendsen
Jennifer Anne Hurley	Alison M. O'Neil	Christopher James Swallow
Amy M. Hutchings	Jill Ann O'Neill	+* MaryEllen Swanson
Holly Ann Kannheiser	Jeffrey L. Orsillo	Jonathan Ryan Sweeney
+* Elizabeth Mary Keefe	Richard D. Britt	Stephanie A. Taranti
Kelly J. Kerrigan	Michael J. DiPersio	Thomas W. Taranti
Sophea Khim	Steven Mario Padovani	Mary E. Taylor
Kerry Lyn Lacev	+* Elena Marie Palumbo	Eric James Tobin
Jason A. LaMae	Mark V. Pantano	John Allen Travassos, Jr.
Derek James LaRocca	Jennifer Rosalyn Patuleia	Luisa Tucci
Adam E. Lattanzi	Joanna L. Peduto	Michala M. Vaughan
Nicole Joanne Leccese	Debra Jean Perin	Robert P. Verrier
Eric Travis LeGault	* Randall M. Perkins	Justine L. Vito
+* Michael Arnold Lindstrom	Adrienne Petito	Scott H. Wetherell
Stewart E. Lockhart	Sabrina Petrillo	Scott E. Wilson
Nelida Lopez	+* Christine L. Pirani	+* Benjamin K. Wong
Amy Beltram Lucibello	+* Janeen Marie Ponzo	John J. Woods
Eileen Lynn MacKay	Kate F. Puglia	Jodie Lynn Wright
Joanna Maguire	+* Andrea Lee Pullo	Luigi R. Zaza
Jennifer Corinne Mahoney	Lynette Quiles	Kara Marie Zinchuk
Jonathan Scott Mahoney	John T. Quintal	

+National Honor Society

*Honors Group

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

As noted in recent years, the major obstacle facing the Department is a shortage of manpower. The D.P.W. now has a total complement of thirty-four full time employees. Every attempt is being made to prioritize the Department's efforts so as to minimize noticeable service reductions.

It has not been possible, however, to maintain certain facets of our operation and infrastructure with the current complement of employees. Tree work is handled only on an emergency basis, or by contractors. The Town has had to adopt a policy of allowing homeowners to purchase trees for planting on public ways. Regular maintenance of public shade trees (pruning, etc.) is also allowed by homeowners with Department approval. The majority of sidewalk work is handled by private contractors. There is a definite trend towards "privatization" of many functions formerly performed by the D.P.W. This trend towards privatization does not leave the Town with a work force large enough to deal effectively with natural occurrences, such as hurricanes and snow storms.

The D.P.W. has continued to be responsible for the maintenance of Public Buildings and is directly involved in the Town's recycling program. The drop-off center and leaf programs were very active and successful. Curbside recycling participation has been exceptional. Once again, the Department took advantage of the State offered inmate work/release program. Several weeks of work were performed by this group, including grass mowing, leaf raking and general clean-up. This program has proven to be a valuable supplement to the depleted D.P.W. forces. However, due to increasing demand by other communities, obtaining this help is becoming more difficult each year.

ENGINEERING

Working under the direction and guidance of the Public Works Director/Town Engineer, Engineering Plans and supervises the multitude of diverse activities performed by the Public Works Department. The activities range from trench and sign repair and potholeing to water main replacement and sewer design, to cemetery roadway and plot planning and layout, to contract writing and subdivision and site plan review and surety need estimates. This division also oversees the planning, design, construction and renovation of the many miles of water, sewer and storm drainage piping within the Town's distribution and collection systems, as well as the 70 mile plus roadway network; and the maintenance of the various buildings and properties under the control of the Department of Public Works, as well as maintenance of the Police Department

and the Town Hall. In addition, Engineering serves as a consultant to virtually every Town department and committee.

Engineering is also responsible for the maintenance, upgrading, and updating of the multitude of plans and records kept by the Department. Scaled drawings and schematic sketches indicating the age, type and location of virtually every sewer and water main, and each service connection, as well as the related pumping stations and appurtenances, are catalogued and maintained so as to provide all necessary information in an emergency situation.

During the year, the Division prepared bidding documents, solicited bids and evaluated proposals for 38 different contracts. Over 160 proposals for various equipment, materials, and services were received, considered, and recommendations for award or rejection rendered.

The Selectmen forwarded 8 new or revised site plans for our review and evaluation during 1996. The Planning Board requested our input regarding 15 subdivisions consisting of over 130 lots. Significant construction took place within the Bow Street Court, Twin Pond Estate, Nottingham Way, Walsh Avenue, Summit Woods, Virginia Lane, Chapel Way, Phillips Park, Rebecca Lane, Martin Louis Way, and Norval Avenue Extension subdivisions.

Every subdivision plan submitted to the Planning Board is thoroughly reviewed in terms of roadway and utility design and conformity to regulations, as well as the overall impact of the development on local neighborhoods. Once a subdivision plan is approved, and the developer ready to initiate construction, Engineering calculates the amount of monetary surety required to insure the ultimate completion of the subdivision. For each subdivision, several surety recommendation adjustments must be made during the course of construction. In addition, Engineering is responsible for the daily inspection of all ongoing roadway and utility work being performed in the various subdivisions and at construction sites, as well as the final inspection of each subdivision and the establishment of a punch list for completion prior to the final surety release.

The Cross Connection Control program was initiated in 1992 in order to comply with the applicable provisions of Public Law 93-523, the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974; and Massachusetts Regulation 310 CMR, Section 22.22, Protection of Sources of Water. Nearly all require devices have been installed and Beta Programs International, Inc., is providing computer and testing services. This will be a continuing project.

Acting in their capacity as consultants, the Engineers are continuously called upon to assist in the development and review of the plans for the many specialized projects undertaken by the Town. Major projects during 1996 include the construction of a basketball court with lighting at the Central School, the reconstruction and installation of the sprinkler system at the Broadway soccer field, the water main replacement program, and the water meter replacement and remote reader installation programs.

Engineering continues to be responsible for conforming with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act as concerns the installation of ramps. Twenty-five additional ramps were installed during 1996. Nearly 250 ramps have now been installed at various locations to provide wheelchair access. Most of our heavily traveled ways now have continuous wheelchair access on at least one side.

Engineering continues working with and administering the contracts of various consulting engineering firms. Among the consulting firms are:

1. Beta Programs International, Inc. (Cross Connection Control)
2. Camp, Dresser and McKee (Sewer System Evaluation Study)
3. Tremco Roofing (Roof Evaluations)
4. Applied Geographics, Inc. (G.I.S. System)

The Sewer System Evaluation Study referred to above is being accomplished at least in part with funding from grants. A great deal of time is spent applying for and administering these evaluation and construction grant awards and submitting the appropriate reimbursement request documentation. The current focus of our attention is the renovation of the Upland Road pumping facility and tributary gravity mains. Over 16,000 feet of gravity sewer has been evaluated by television camera inspection. Other areas having sewers about a century old, such as Franklin Street, have also been recently televised. Films are being evaluated to determine the best course of action to effect necessary repairs and/or replacement procedures. We will continue to pursue any available funding for which we may qualify to facilitate the required repairs.

Other significant projects were as follows:

1. Broadway-soccer, sprinkler, grading, etc.
2. Rec. Park-sprinkler, paving, fence, sod, etc.
3. Golf Course construction-Handicap bathrooms
4. Atlantic Gelatin contract-water
5. Solid Waste Contract-Disposal and pick-up to include condominiums

HIGHWAY

The following streets were resurfaced during 1996:

1. Stonewood Avenue
2. Woodbriar Road
3. Campbell Road
4. Country Club Road
5. Brentwood Road
6. Cabot Road
7. Dianne Road
8. Broadway - MacArthur Road to Wakefield Line
9. Gould Street - Pine Street to Summer Street
10. Joan Avenue
11. Graystone Road
12. Alden Avenue
13. Lee Street
14. SanJose Terrace
15. Cedarway
16. Walnut Street
17. Brackett Avenue
18. Summerhill Street - northeasterly section
19. Plaza Avenue
20. Hampton Road
21. Windsor Avenue
22. Avalon Road - Windsor Road westerly 400 feet
23. North Avenue - Perkins Street to Windsor Road
24. Standish Road

The following streets or portions thereof were cracksealed during 1996:

1. Alden Avenue
2. Avalon Road
3. Brackett Avenue
4. Broadway - MacArthur Road to Dianne Road
5. Campbell Road
6. Dianne Road
7. Graystone Road
8. Hampton Road
9. Joan Avenue
10. Lee Street
11. North Avenue - Perkins Street to Windsor Avenue
12. Plaza Avenue
13. San Jose Terrace
14. Stonewood Avenue
15. Summerhill Street - Summer Street past Pershing Place
16. Walnut Street
17. Windsor Road
18. Woodbriar Road

SIDEWALKS/ACCESSIBILITY

In conjunction with our resurfacing program, bituminous concrete sidewalks on parts of the following streets

were removed and replaced or resurfaced. Some of the work was performed by Town forces and some by our paving contractor, D & R General Contracting, Inc., of Stoneham.

1. Stonewood Avenue
2. Woodbriar Road
3. Gould Street - Pine Street to Summer Street
4. Alden Avenue
5. Lee Street
6. Campbell Road

HIGHWAY

Paving by Contractor during 1996

1. Mauriello Drive (part) - binder
2. David Circle - binder
3. Nottingham Way
4. Virginia Lane
5. Gavin Circle Extension - binder
6. Martin Louis Way - binder

CATCHBASIN CLEANING

Approximately 2,100 catchbasins and drain manholes were cleaned by Sam's Catch Basis Cleaning, Inc., of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The key to a trouble-free drainage system is the timely sweeping of all the streets first thing in the Spring, followed immediately by the cleaning of all catchbasins to remove winter sand and other debris. It is much easier to remove foreign materials from street surfaces and catchbasins than it is from storm drainage piping. A well-timed program minimizes flooding in streets and on private property.

TRAFFIC LINE PAINTING AND SIGNAL MAINTENANCE

1. Eastern Centerline Company of Westport, Massachusetts, the low bidder, performed line, word, and symbol painting.
2. Traffic signal maintenance was provided by Richard Bellofatto, of Peabody, Massachusetts.

DRAIN CONSTRUCTION BY TOWN

1. #10 Gigante Drive - dry well
2. Town Hall - dry well
3. Summer Street at Spring Street - dry well

DRAIN CONSTRUCTION BY CONTRACTOR

1. Mauriello Drive - 800' of 12" R.C., 75' R.C., 140' of 18" R.C., 9 DMH, 10 C.B.
2. Virginia Lane - 80' of 12" R.C., 2 DMH, 2C.B.

3. Martin Louis Way - 650' of 12" R.C., 4 DMH, 2 C.B.
4. Gavin Circle - 65' of 12" R.C., 2 C.B.

SEWER CONSTRUCTION BY CONTRACTOR

1. Mauriello Drive - 520' of 8" P.V.C., 4 SMH
2. David Circle - 100' of 8" P.V.C., 1 SMH
3. Martin Louis Way - 320' of 8" P.V.C., 2 SMH
4. Virginia Lane - 190' of 8" P.V.C., 3 SMH
5. Gavin Circle - 220' of 8" P.V.C., 2 SMH

WATER CONSTRUCTION BY TOWN

1. George Street - 516'-4" of 8" D.I., 1 hyd & 6" gate, 3-8" gates
2. Governor Road - 629'-9" of 8" D.I., 1 hyd & 6" gate, 3-8" gates
3. Westwood Road - 925'-1" of 8" D.I., 1 hyd & 6" gate, 1-8" gates
4. Forest Street - 394'-5" of 12" D.I., 1 hyd & 6" gate, 1-12" gate
5. Peabody Road - 590'-5" of 8" D.I., 1 hyd & 6" gate, 5-8" gates
6. Middlesex Road - 685' of 8" D.I., 1 hyd & 6" gate, 28" gates
7. Rowe Hill Road - 304' of 8" D.I.
8. Fells Road - 209'-6" of 8" D.I., 1 hyd & 6" gate
9. Waverly Street - 993'-1" of 8" D.I. 1 hyd & 6" gate, 1-8" gate
10. Norval Avenue - 604'-8" of 8" D.I., 1 hyd & 6" gate, 2-8" gate
11. Park Avenue - 556'-9" of 8" D.I., 1 hyd & 6" gate, 2-8" gates
12. Sunrise Avenue - 401'-11" of 8" D.I., 3-8" gates

WATER CONSTRUCTION BY CONTRACTOR

1. Mauriello Drive - 1080' of 8" D.I., 4-8" gates, 3 hyd with 6" gates
2. David Circle - 160' of 8" D.I., 1-8" gate, 1 hyd with 6" gate
3. Martin Louis Way - 310' of 8" D.I., 1-8" gate, 1 hyd with 6" gate
4. Virginia Lane - 190' of 8" D.I., 1-8" gate, 1 hyd with 6" gate
5. Gavin Circle - 250' of 8" D.I., 1 hyd with 6" gate

The total snowfall for the 1995-1996 winter season was 133 inches. Twelve storms needed to be plowed, the largest being snowfalls of 22 inches on January 7, 1996, 13 inches on January 2, 1996, and 11 inches on December 19, 1995.

The salt storage shed constructed during the summer of 1995 was of tremendous benefit.

CEMETERY

Number of lots sold - January through December 31, 1996 - 57

Number of interments - January through December 31, 1996 - 85

TREE DIVISION

The depletion of tree department forces and the multitude of tree related calls necessitated the supplementing of our forces with outside help. In this regard, after appropriate bidding procedures, contracts were awarded to Collings and Company, and Royal Green Tree Service. Nearly 200 tree related calls were received during 1996.

Trees removed	42
Stumps ground	106

MISCELLANEOUS CALLS

The following work was performed by Department personnel in response to phone calls. Department action may have required 15 minutes work by one man, or several days work by three men with trucks and an excavator.

SEWER RELATED CALLS

1. Main sewer plugs	55
2. Sewer service plugs	80
3. Sewer service excavation/repair	7
4. Miscellaneous sewer calls	50

WATER RELATED CALLS

1. Water main breaks	8
2. Water service repairs including service gates	40

3. Meter repairs/replacements/readings	300
4. Water turn on/off	85
5. Rusty water calls	50
6. Miscellaneous water calls	45
7. Frozen services	5

DRAIN RELATED CALLS

1. Miscellaneous drain calls	45
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MISCELLANEOUS CALLS

1. Sign installation/replacements/repairs	200+
2. Dead animal pick-ups	110

SERVICE INSTALLATIONS BY CONTRACTOR

New water services	48
New sewer services	48

MISCELLANEOUS WORK

1. Winterize hydrants
2. Sewer Flushing program
3. Install and remove Christmas lights/decorations
4. Repair and fill sand barrels
5. Rake and pick up leaves from Town properties
6. Leaf disposal program
7. Water meter replacement program
8. Remote reader installation program
9. Weekly recycling program
10. Water main flushing program
11. Clean sump chambers at pumping stations
12. Seasonally change decorative banners along Main Street
13. Replace defective hydrants as necessary, 30 were replaced during 1996.

RAILROAD LAND USE COMMITTEE

I'm pleased to submit this report on behalf of the Railroad Land Use Committee. In February of 1996 the committee joined with the City of Woburn and the Town of Winchester in submitting an application for funding under the Massachusetts Transportation Enhancement Program. We did not receive funding in 1996, however we were placed on an alternate list. This means we finished close to the top and our chance are very good for funding our project in the future.

In 1997, a new application for ISTEA funds will be submitted for a request of approximately 1.4 million dollars, 80% from the Federal Government, 20% from the Commonwealth with a 10% soft match or in kind service to be provided by the three communities. An example of a soft match in funds would be engineering data from public works, administrative costs, or actual contributions of materials and labor.

In addition to this funding our legislative delegation submitted a request in the State Transportation Bond Bill for \$50,000 to assist with a feasibility and engineering study. At this time we anticipate that these funds will be made available at about the same time the award of the Transportation Enhancement Funding is announced.

The Committee has been meeting with groups in Woburn and Winchester to plan strategy for funding application this year, signature drives were conducted in both communities as well as in Wakefield and a video is in production entitled "The Making of a Bikeway".

During the past year we have seen many improvements in our playground and park system. Students from the Greater Boston Academy cleaned up a section of the right of way and it is expected other volunteer groups will follow their lead. With most leases on the railway bed now expired, and the former railroad land zoned as dedicated open space and recreation, we look forward to the construction of the linear park.

The Committee was pleased to see that the 1996 Open Space Master Plan Draft recommended many of our plans for the bikeway including:

- (1) Ongoing cleanup. The Town Administrator was kind enough to have volunteers from Greater Boston Academy do a fantastic cleanup at the Pomeworth section.
- (2) Pave portion from Gould Street to Central Street in order to connect Schools and Parks for skaters and bladders in 1997. Most of this area has been paved and only one lease is preventing public access to land now zoned and Dedicated as Open Space and Recreation.
- (3) Provide walking path and picnic area in the Sweetwater Brook area in 1998. Last spring the Railroad Land Use Committee contacted the owner of this property to see if the Town of Stoneham would purchase this property under the Massachusetts Conservation Purchases Program. It is a goal of this committee to see a nature park in the Sweetwater brook area.

We could not have come this far without Town Meeting and citizen encouragement and support. We have enjoyed the wonderful cooperation of our legislators, and elected and appointed officials, and the staff in the Town Hall has been most helpful. We have received wonderful letters of endorsement necessary for the success of our 1997 funding application from all of the above as well as from organizations and businesses.

We hope that we will continue to enjoy success and that you continue your wonderful support. In addition to those appointed to this committee by the moderator, we are fortunate to have a number of associate members who worked hard and shared equally in our work load.

Respectfully submitted

Cameron Bain, Chairman
Railroad Right of Way Committee

RETIREMENT BOARD

The passing of Chapter 306, a disability pension reform law, has forever changed retirement boards. Retirement boards now consist of five members. The two additional members to the Stoneham Retirement Board are (one) designated by the Board of Selectmen, Jeffrey Nutting and (two) an elected member from the employees and retirees of the Stoneham Retirement System, James McDermott. The original three members are William Abbott, the elected member, Ronald Florino, the ex-officio member, and Janice Houghton, the appointed member.

PERA (Public Employee Retirement Administration) no longer exists and a new entity called PERAC (Public Employees Retirement Administration Commission) now oversee the 107 retirement boards.

Another major change under Chapter 306 is the Early Intervention Plan (EIP) that all boards must submit to PERAC. The EIP is an all encompassing plan for job injured employees. Stoneham's EIP has been submitted to PERAC and the board is awaiting its approval.

With the implementation of Chapter 306, the board understands that the retirement system that we once knew is forever changed.

The investment results for 1996 were for the total fund 10.9% bringing the balance to over \$27,500,000.00. The funds best performing sector was international equities that returned 21%, domestic equities returned 19.8% and fixed income returned 4.6%.

The board is constantly monitoring the investment returns to ensure that the actuarial assumptions used for investments are exceeded. The current funding schedule has the retirement system fully funded by the year 2012.

This year the board will be conducting an actuarial study to review all the assumptions. The board is particularly concerned about the actuarial assumptions because Chapter 306 has changed the way the expenses for the system are funded. Going forward, the expenses will be funded by the investment income generated by the retirement funds.

Inclosing, the Board is looking forward to an upcoming challenging year and would like to thank Elsie Wallace, Retirement Administrator and Lillian d'Entremont, Administrative Assistant for all their extra efforts and support during this past year.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Current Year	Prior Year
1. Cash	\$642,369.98	\$882,482.97
2. Fixed Income Securities	12,961,426.56	11,810,541.73
3. Equities	10,114,482.20	9,151,891.42
4. Real Estate	956,320.00	951,040.96
5. International Investments	2,509,285.00	1,147,561.00
6. Principal Adjustment Acct.	13,816.00	21,361.05
7. Interest Due and Accrued	253,362.42	237,958.14
8. Accounts Receivable	1,145,230.59	1,167,646.50
9. Accounts Payable	(49,762.25)	(43,497.30)
TOTAL	\$28,546,530.50	\$25,326,986.47

FUNDS

1. Annuity Savings Fund	\$8,329,300.12	\$8,115,869.73
2. Annuity Reserve Fund	3,036,044.55	2,710,913.62
3. Military Service Fund	0.00	0.00
4. Pension Fund	7,406,060.99	7,393,883.41
5. Expense Fund	81,781.40	67,586.23
6. Pension Reserve Fund	9,693,343.44	7,038,733.48
TOTAL	\$28,546,530.50	\$25,326,986.47

MEMBERSHIP FOR CURRENT YEAR

Total Previous Year	335
Plus: 24 New Members	
Less: 10 Refunds and Transfer Out	
18 Retired	
Total active and inactive membership	331

RETIREES

Total Retirees and Survivors 1995	264
Plus: 15 Superannuation	
1 Ordinary Disability	
2 Accidental Disability	
Less: 11 Deceased pensioners	
Total Retirees and Survivors	269
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	600

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Fiscal Year 1996 ended with a positive \$1,258,729 certified free cash which was well above the Fiscal Year 1995 certified free cash of \$992,964.

The primary reason for such a large surplus was due to the conservative approach the Town has taken when estimating local receipts. Actual local receipts (e.g. motor vehicle excise, licenses and permits, and interest income) exceeded estimated local receipts by about \$700,000. Also, the Town unexpectedly collected \$372,000 from property taxes that were placed in tax liens. Town Departments appear to be operating more efficiently since they were able to return almost \$275,000 from their Fiscal Year 1996 budgets to the General Fund. Finally, the Town was refunded over \$100,000 from its workers' compensation insurance carrier for having fewer than expected claims.

Most of this surplus will be used in Fiscal Year 1997 to fund collective bargaining contracts which have gone unsettled since June 30, 1994. In addition, the Town of Stoneham will now be able to pay cash rather than borrow for some greatly needed capital improvements including a Geographic Information System.

The Town was even able to increase its Stabilization Fund by \$250,000. Presently, there remains approximately \$646,825 in this "rainy day" account.

Overall, the financial picture was positive for Fiscal Year 1996. There were no budget deficits, and the Town was able to produce one of the largest surpluses in recent years. The Town was also the recipient of numerous Federal and State Grants. The majority of these Grants were for school and public safety purposes. However, the two largest Grants were for the Main Street Revitalization Program in the amount of \$499,950 and the Home Program in the amount of \$238,500. Also a very generous donation for \$77,500 was given to the Stoneham Library from the Apalakis Family.

It is fortunate that the Town's financial position has been improving at such a rapid pace. However, as the Town's Budget grows and the number of Grants increase, the more work it generates in the Accounting Department.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Patricia Queeney and Christine DelRossi; my staff has done a remarkable job in dealing with the increasing demands being placed on the Accounting Department. I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Florino
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF STONEHAM
CASH RECEIPTS
FISCAL YEAR, 1996**

TAX COLLECTIONS (NET OF REFUNDS):

REAL ESTATE-1997	\$6,275.74		
REAL ESTATE-1996	\$20,686,842.64		
REAL ESTATE-1995 AND PRIOR	<u>\$118,927.94</u>		\$20,812,046.32
PERSONAL PROPERTY-1997	\$21.20		
PERSONAL PROPERTY-1996	\$379,454.93		
PERSONAL PROPERTY-1995 AND PRIOR	<u>\$5,716.55</u>		\$385,192.68
DEFERRED REAL ESTATE-1995	\$1,687.62		
DEFERRED REAL ESTATE-1994	\$3,960.04		
DEFERRED REAL ESTATE-1993 AND PRIOR	<u>\$28,983.52</u>		\$34,631.18
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE-1996	\$1,397,365.48		
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE-1995	\$344,104.67		
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE-1994 AND PRIOR	<u>\$28,321.13</u>		\$1,769,791.28
TAX TITLES			\$372,851.63
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES			
*STONEHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY	\$5,184.00		
*BOSTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	\$53,927.50		
*CHEM SHARE	<u>\$21,781.25</u>		\$80,892.75
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS			
*STREET ASSESSMENTS	\$2,750.22		
*SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS	\$472.12		
*COMMITTED INTEREST	<u>\$792.02</u>		\$4,014.36
			\$23,459,420.20

DEPARTMENTAL COLLECTIONS:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN			
*LICENSES			\$28,808.50
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR			
*WORKERS' COMP. REFUND	\$108,761.00		
*LIFE INSURANCE DIVIDEND	\$8,946.00		
*OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	<u>\$971.06</u>		\$118,678.06
ASSESSORS			
*OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE			\$1,033.70
TOWN TREASURER			
*INTEREST INCOME	\$194,153.57		
*TAX TITLE ADVERTISING	\$9,692.60		
*TAX TITLE INTEREST	\$82,005.50		
*OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	<u>\$402.00</u>		\$286,253.67
TAX COLLECTOR			
*PENALTIES & INTEREST ON REAL ESTATE TAXES	\$38,148.22		
*PENALTIES & INTEREST ON PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$1,532.74		
*PENALTIES & INTEREST ON MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	\$10,199.30		
*PENALTIES & INTEREST ON DEFERRED REAL ESTATE TAXES	\$21,347.63		
*CHARGES & FEES	\$28,869.94		
*TAX CERTIFICATE FEES	<u>\$22,336.00</u>		\$122,433.83
TOWN COUNSEL			
*OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE			\$5,859.28

(DEPARTMENTAL COLLECTIONS CONTINUED)

TOWN CLERK

*CERTIFICATION FEES	\$19,095.50
*MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$2,580.00
*OTHER BUSINESS PERMITS	\$9,523.32
*TOWN BYLAW VIOLATIONS	\$885.00
*ALL OTHER FEES	<u>\$3,002.60</u>
	<u>\$35,086.42</u>

ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS

*SALE OF STREET LISTS	\$220.00
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PLANNING/APPEALS BOARD

*FILING FEES	\$14,320.36
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

*OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	\$600.00
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PUBLIC PROPERTY BUILDINGS

*RENTAL OF BUILDINGS	\$2,611.60
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

*PARKING FINES	\$22,933.00
*PISTOL PERMITS	\$2,063.00
*TAXI CAB PERMITS	\$1,135.00
*DOG FINES	\$425.00
*ALL OTHER FEES (e.g. ALARMS, ACCIDENT REPORTS, ETC...)	<u>\$52,960.81</u>
	<u>\$79,516.81</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT

*SMOKE DETECTOR INSPECTIONS & OIL BURNER PERMITS	\$18,085.00
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BUILDING & WIRE

*BUILDING PERMITS	\$213,609.60
*WIRING PERMITS	\$46,649.00
*PLUMBING PERMITS	\$21,905.00
*GAS PERMITS	\$4,225.00
*OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	<u>\$28.75</u>
	<u>\$286,417.35</u>

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

*SEALING FEES	\$3,169.50
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SCHOOLS

*MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS	\$32,527.00
*OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	<u>\$1,019.27</u>
	<u>\$33,546.27</u>

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

*OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	\$6,928.32
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

*STREET OPENING PERMITS	\$5,510.00
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REFUSE DEPARTMENT

*SALE OF LEAF BAGS	\$2,854.00
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CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

*OPENING GRAVES	\$35,180.00
*GRAVE LINERS	\$12,800.00
*FOUNDATIONS	\$5,300.00
*ANNUAL CARE	<u>\$230.00</u>
	<u>\$53,510.00</u>

BOARD OF HEALTH

*LICENSES & PERMITS	\$11,853.60
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VETERANS AGENT

*OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	\$4,100.59
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(DEPARTMENTAL COLLECTIONS CONTINUED)

PUBLIC LIBRARY

*LIBRARY FINES	\$2,055.24	
*ALL OTHER FEES (e.g. POSTAGE & LOST BOOKS)	<u>\$451.13</u>	\$2,506.37

RECREATION

*STONEHAM OAKS GOLF COURSE	\$187,426.45	
*UNICORN GOLF COURSE	\$629,621.00	
*STONEHAM ARENA SKATING FEES	\$392,605.30	
*RENTAL OF PROPERTY	<u>\$21,455.89</u>	\$1,231,108.64

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

*SALE OF BOOKLETS	<u>\$70.00</u>	\$2,355,081.87
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STATE AID:

REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS FOR VETERANS	\$12,092.00	
REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS FOR THE BLIND	\$1,925.00	
REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS FOR THE ELDERLY	\$119,978.00	
POLICE CAREER INCENTIVE	\$106,245.00	
CHAPTER 70 SCHOOL AID	\$1,300,159.00	
VETERANS' BENEFITS	\$53,715.79	
LOTTERY	\$1,292,838.00	
CHAPTER 71 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION	\$89,105.00	
LOCAL AID FUND	\$2,553,177.00	
CHAPTER 81 HIGHWAY AID	\$135,176.00	
DISTRICT COURT FINES	\$22,802.50	
REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLE FINES	\$62,992.50	
OTHER STATE AID	<u>\$3,866.80</u>	\$5,754,072.59

PENSION REIMBURSEMENTS:

OTHER MUNICIPALITIES	\$11,265.31	
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	<u>\$8,783.01</u>	\$20,048.32
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	<u>\$31,588,622.98</u>	

SEWER DEPARTMENT

SEWER RATES 1996	\$3,288,924.96	
SEWER RATES 1995	\$63,970.82	
MONTHLY SEWER RATES	\$230,526.46	
SEWER LIENS 1996	\$296,977.44	
SEWER LIENS 1995	\$14,112.60	
SEWER LIENS 1994	\$94.54	
SEWER SERVICE RECEIVABLES	\$200.00	
SEWER ASSESSMENTS	\$453.43	
COMMITTED INTEREST	\$195.55	
PENALTIES & INTEREST ON SEWER CHARGES	\$30,437.56	
ALL OTHER FEES	<u>\$1,515.00</u>	
TOTAL SEWER FUND	<u>\$3,927,408.36</u>	

WATER DEPARTMENT

WATER RATES 1996	\$1,304,156.39	
WATER RATES 1995	\$9,939.20	
MONTHLY WATER RATES	\$714,324.73	
WATER LIENS 1996	\$124,711.01	
WATER LIENS 1995	\$4,972.73	
WATER LIENS 1994	\$128.62	
WATER SERVICE RECEIVABLES	\$2,399.99	
WATER MAIN ASSESSMENTS	\$168.00	
COMMITTED MAIN INTEREST	\$83.45	
PENALTIES & INTEREST ON WATER CHARGES	\$8,817.09	
ALL OTHER FEES	<u>\$1,061.00</u>	
TOTAL WATER FUND	<u>\$2,170,762.21</u>	

Town of Stoneham
Appropriations, Expenditures, and Balances
As of June 30, 1996

	Appropriation	Other Credit	Total Appropriation	Expenditure	To Surplus Revenue	Carried Over To 1997
General Government						
Town Moderator, Personnel	100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Town Moderator, Operating Expenses	75.00		75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00
Selectmen, Personnel	56,652.00		56,652.00	54,743.11	1,908.89	(0.00)
Selectmen, Operating Expenses	15,050.00		15,050.00	12,955.17	2,094.83	0.00
Selectmen, Operating Expenses, Prior Year	EN 3,560.50		3,560.50	3,560.50	0.00	0.00
Town Administrator, Personnel	213,995.00		213,995.00	198,164.83	15,830.17	0.00
Town Administrator, Operating Expenses	88,400.00 TR	32,000.00	120,400.00	99,669.86	7,428.28	13,301.86
Town Administrator, Operating Expenses, Prior Year	EN 2,675.48		2,675.48	692.39	1,983.09	0.00
Town Finance Board, Personnel	14,815.00		14,815.00	14,758.12	56.88	(0.00)
Finance Board, Operating Expenses	2,950.00		2,950.00	2,495.02	454.98	0.00
Accounting, Personnel	134,213.00		134,213.00	133,551.07	661.93	(0.00)
Accounting, Operating Expenses	53,770.00 TR	(11,983.00)	41,787.00	37,103.56	1,615.05	3,068.39
Accounting, Operating Expenses, Prior Year	EN 1,404.98		1,404.98	1,404.98	0.00	0.00
Assessors, Personnel	128,061.00		128,061.00	126,678.21	1,382.79	(0.00)
Assessors, Operating Expenses	14,000.00		14,000.00	12,299.16	345.73	1,355.11
Assessors, Operating Expenses, Prior Year	EN 930.56		930.56	871.50	11.90	47.16
Assessors, Revaluation	CO 100,719.45		100,719.45	0.00	0.00	100,719.45
Treasurer/Collector, Personnel	166,805.00		166,805.00	166,628.58	176.42	0.00
Treasurer/Collector, Operating Expenses	85,650.00 TR	5,000.00	90,650.00	88,594.59	1,305.41	750.00
Treasurer/Collector, Operating Expenses, Prior Year	EN 4,219.36		4,219.36	2,511.62	1,707.74	(0.00)
Town Counsel, Personnel	63,572.00		63,572.00	63,214.24	357.76	0.00
Town Counsel, Operating Expenses	14,400.00 TR	2,000.00	16,400.00	16,399.88	0.12	(0.00)
Town Counsel, Litigation Expenses	EN 20.00		20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
Town Counsel, Update Town Code	CO 1,647.71		1,647.71	846.01	0.00	801.70
Town Clerk, Personnel	CO 6,402.25		6,402.25	2,437.75	0.00	3,964.50
Town Clerk, Operating Expenses	69,390.00		69,390.00	61,775.02	7,614.98	0.00
Town Clerk, Operating Expenses, Prior Year	EN 871.00		871.00	0.00	871.00	0.00
Elections & Registration, Personnel	37,640.00		37,640.00	33,997.22	3,642.78	(0.00)
Elections & Registration, Operating Expenses	19,670.00 TR	3,000.00	22,670.00	22,362.28	4.87	302.85
Elections & Registration, Operating Expenses, Prior Year	EN 3,928.40		3,928.40	0.00	1,938.00	1,990.40
Conservation Commission, Personnel	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
Conservation Commission, Operating Expenses	750.00		750.00	625.68	1.33	122.99

Town of Stoneham
Appropriations, Expenditures, and Balances
As of June 30, 1996

	Appropriation	Other Credit	Total Appropriation	Expended	To Surplus Revenue	Carried Over To 1997
Whip Hill, Personnel	20,459.00		20,459.00	20,380.36	78.64	(0.00)
Whip Hill, Operating Expenses	8,100.00	8,100.00		6,296.72	1,165.28	638.00
Planning/Appeals Board, Personnel	19,560.00	19,560.00		18,586.44	973.56	0.00
Planning/Appeals Board, Operating Expenses	1,570.00	1,570.00		451.91	1,118.09	0.00
Public Property Buildings, Personnel	37,750.00	37,750.00		35,403.50	2,346.50	0.00
Public Property Buildings, Operating Expenses	47,750.00	47,750.00		45,286.77	80.23	2,383.00
Public Property Buildings, Operating Expenses, Prior Year	EN 4,311.68	4,311.68		4,178.27	133.41	(0.00)
Total General Government	1,324,633.00	160,708.37	1,485,341.37	1,298,255.17	57,385.64	129,700.56
 Public Safety						
Police, Personnel	2,285,000.00	TR	120,000.00	2,405,000.00	2,389,527.05	15,472.95
Police, Operating Expenses	144,717.00	EN	6,619.44	144,717.00	143,942.55	1.45
Police, Operating Expenses, Prior Year	CO 30,000.00		30,000.00	6,380.76	238.68	773.00
Police, Selective Traffic Enforcement	105,000.00	TR	2,000.00	107,000.00	4,838.23	0.00
Traffic Directors, Personnel	3,300.00			107,000.00	0.00	25,161.77
Traffic Directors, Operating Expenses	156,471.00	TR	17,529.00	174,000.00	2,853.55	446.45
Dispatchers, Personnel	3,100.00	TR	1,100.00	4,200.00	163,728.62	10,271.38
Dispatchers, Operating Expenses	1,868,253.00	TR	71,000.00	1,939,253.00	3,627.29	572.71
Fire, Personnel	114,615.00	TR	7,000.00	121,615.00	1,937,260.23	1,992.77
Fire, Operating Expenses	99,152.00			117,902.93	1,638.04	2,374.03
Building & Wire, Personnel	9,450.00			99,152.00	98,135.32	1,016.68
Building & Wire, Operating Expenses	EN 1,518.32			9,450.00	5,490.26	1,512.18
Building & Wire, Operating Expenses, Prior Year	26,000.00			1,518.32	1,365.93	152.39
Civil Defense, Personnel	4,800.00			26,000.00	25,385.25	814.75
Civil Defense, Operating Expenses	EN 337.69			4,800.00	4,381.38	3.62
Civil Defense, Operating Expenses, Prior Year	4,819,858.00	257,104.45	5,076,962.45	5,011,857.04	33,934.05	31,171.36
 Schools						
Schools, Personnel	11,010,103.00	TR	65,860.38	11,075,963.38	11,075,963.38	0.00
Schools, Health Insurance	814,433.00	TR	136,496.96	950,929.96	950,929.96	0.00
Schools, Operating Expenses	2,425,284.00	TR	(88,162.18)	2,337,101.82	2,316,380.17	20,721.85
Schools, Capital Outlay	82,080.00	TR	28,924.84	111,004.84	111,004.84	0.00
School, Operating Expenses, Prior Year	EN 49,330.27			49,330.27	49,330.27	0.00
Northeast Regional Vocational	174,662.00	TR	(13,265.00)	161,397.00	161,397.00	0.00
Total Schools	14,506,542.00	179,185.27	14,665,727.27	14,665,005.62	0.00	20,721.85

Town of Stoneham
Appropriations, Expenditures, and Balances
As of June 30, 1996

	Appropriation	Other Credit	Appropriation	Total	To Surplus	Revenue	Carried Over To 1997
Public Works							
Public Works Admin, Personnel	425,124.00		425,124.00	419,855.60	5,268.40	0.00	
Public Works Admin, Operating Expenses	105,980.00		105,980.00	95,809.81	2,274.45	7,895.74	
Public Works Admin, Operating Expenses, Prior Year		EN 35.97	35.97	35.97	0.00	0.00	
Highway, Construction 1991 (Ch 90)	CO 148.82		148.82	0.00	0.00	148.82	
Highway, Ch 85 of the Acts of 1994	CO 682,269.20		682,269.20	218,059.97	0.00	464,209.23	
Highway, Salt Storage Shed	CO 99,000.00		99,000.00	99,000.00	0.00	0.00	
Snow & Ice Removal, Personnel	45,000.00		45,000.00	44,999.40	0.60	(0.00)	
Snow & Ice Removal, Operating Expenses	115,000.00	TR 115,692.00	230,892.00	229,854.52	837.48	0.00	
Street Lighting, Operating Expenses	266,000.00		266,000.00	256,236.02	9,763.98	0.00	
Rubbish Disposal, Personnel	6,000.00		6,000.00	5,706.35	293.65	(0.00)	
Rubbish Disposal, Operating Expenses	1,042,645.00		1,042,645.00	991,934.34	10.66	50,700.00	
Rubbish Disposal, Operating Expenses, Prior Year		EN 50,587.37	50,587.37	31,857.00	18,730.37	0.00	
Sewer Services, Personnel	379,027.00		379,027.00	366,720.61	12,306.39	0.00	
Sewer Services, Operating Expenses	50,300.00		50,300.00	45,597.72	105.75	4,596.53	
Sewer Services, Intergovernmental	2,984,000.00	TR (131,000.00)	2,853,000.00	2,852,881.00	0.00	119.00	
Sewer Services, Storm Drain Construction FY'91	CO 12,120.88		12,120.88	12,120.88	0.00	0.00	
Sewer Services, Dikes Pond Drainage	CO 11,223.82		11,223.82	2,564.84	0.00	8,658.98	
Sewer Services, Maintain Sewer System	CO 125,000.00		125,000.00	227.40	0.00	124,772.60	
Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Personnel	70,397.00		70,397.00	70,055.08	341.92	(0.00)	
Motor Vehicle Maintenance,Operating Expenses	131,725.00		131,725.00	122,130.86	5,294.14	4,300.00	
Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Operating Expenses, Prior Year		EN 2,722.16	2,722.16	2,450.00	272.16	(0.00)	
Cemetery, Personnel	93,507.00		93,507.00	88,676.39	4,830.61	0.00	
Cemetery, Operating Expenses	14,900.00		14,900.00	14,875.35	24.65	(0.00)	
Cemetery, Lindenwood Improvement, 1991	CO 3,574.14		3,574.14	3,574.14	0.00	0.00	
Cemetery, Lindenwood Improvement, 1995	CO 5,279.68		5,279.68	2,263.00	0.00	3,016.68	
Water, Personnel	393,160.00		393,160.00	383,660.04	9,499.96	0.00	
Water, Operating Expenses	143,130.00		143,130.00	113,264.83	2,565.17	27,300.00	
Water, Operating Expenses, Prior Year		EN 19,584.90	19,584.90	18,812.00	772.90	0.00	
Water, Intergovernmental	1,187,000.00		1,187,000.00	1,185,312.68	1,687.32	0.00	
Water Main Replacement, 1990	CO 285.11		285.11	0.00	285.11	0.00	
Water, Install Water Meters, FY'92	CO 40.65		40.65	40.65	0.00	0.00	
Water, Replace Water Mains, FY'93	CO 1,386.79		1,386.79	1,386.79	0.00	0.00	
Water, Install Water Meters, FY'95	CO 135,656.45		135,656.45	135,654.71	1.74	0.00	217,231.60
Water, Install Water Meters, FY'96	CO 250,000.00		250,000.00	32,768.40	0.00		
Total Public Works	7,452,895.00	1,383,607.94	8,836,502.94	7,848,386.35	75,167.41	912,949.18	

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	Appropriation	Other Credit	Total Appropriation	Expended	To Surplus Revenue	Carried Over To 1997
Human & Environmental Services						
Board of Health, Personnel	49,941.00 TR	2,500.00	52,441.00	49,722.41	2,718.59	(0.00)
Board of Health, Operating Expenses	22,590.00 EN		22,590.00	18,483.47	3,010.38	1,086.15
Board of Health, Operating Expenses, Prior Year		208.69	208.69	0.00	0.00	0.00
Council of Aging, Personnel	88,150.00 EN		88,150.00	87,486.94	663.06	(0.00)
Council of Aging, Operating Expenses	17,397.00 EN		17,397.00	10,514.00	4,703.02	2,179.98
Council of Aging, Operating Expenses, Prior Year		160.00	160.00	141.69	18.31	0.00
Youth Commission, Personnel	26,715.00		26,715.00	25,529.24	1,185.76	(0.00)
Youth Commission, Operating Expenses	7,000.00		7,000.00	6,993.38	6.62	(0.00)
Veterans, Personnel	8,400.00		8,400.00	8,367.84	32.16	(0.00)
Veterans, Operating Expenses	87,880.00 TR	(25,000.00)	62,880.00	50,396.51	12,483.49	(0.00)
Total Human & Environmental Services	308,073.00	(22,131.31)	285,941.69	257,844.17	24,821.39	3,276.13
Information & Recreation						
Public Library, Personnel	382,277.00		382,277.00	381,463.89	813.11	(0.00)
Public Library, Operating Expenses	120,000.00 EN	3,000.00	123,000.00	122,333.62	335.82	330.56
Public Library, Operating Expenses, Prior Year		1,896.35		1,554.15	342.00	0.20
Unicorn Golf, Personnel	188,268.00		188,268.00	172,172.35	16,095.65	(0.00)
Unicorn Golf, Operating Expenses	253,502.00 EN	104.05	253,502.00	253,316.43	62.63	122.94
Unicorn Golf, Operating Expenses, Prior Year				104.05	79.19	24.86
Stoneham Arena, Personnel	153,321.00		153,321.00	148,083.79	5,237.21	(0.00)
Stoneham Arena, Operating Expenses	216,300.00 EN	8,862.66	216,300.00	215,619.48	107.52	573.00
Stoneham Arena, Operating Expenses, Prior Year				8,862.66	8,308.74	553.92
Total Information & Recreation	1,313,668.00	13,863.06	1,327,531.06	1,302,931.64	23,572.72	1,026.70
Debt & Interest on Debt						
Maturing Debt	955,000.00			955,000.00	0.00	0.00
Interest on Debt	225,080.00 TR	(40,080.00)	185,000.00	183,833.00	1,167.00	0.00
Total Debt & Interest on Debt	1,180,080.00	(40,080.00)	1,140,000.00	1,138,833.00	1,167.00	0.00
Retirement Fund						
Noncontributory	96,000.00 TR	(12,000.00)	84,000.00	81,017.28	2,982.72	0.00
Contributory	2,155,000.00		2,155,000.00	2,169,989.81	(14,989.81)	(0.00)
Total Retirement Fund	2,251,000.00	(12,000.00)	2,239,000.00	2,251,007.09	(12,007.09)	(0.00)

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Appropriation	Other Credit	Appropriation	Expended	To Surplus		Carried Over To 1997
				Total	Revenue	
Capital Outlay						
General Government		49,532.00	82,552.00	40,659.41	6,692.59	35,200.00
Police Department	TR	27,000.00	79,000.00	77,259.74	1,740.26	(0.00)
Fire Department	TR	40,000.00	40,000.00	17,785.00	0.00	22,215.00
Highway Department	TR	13,448.00	113,448.00	113,448.00	0.00	0.00
Total Capital Outlay	185,000.00	130,000.00	315,000.00	249,152.15	8,432.85	57,415.00
Unclassified						
Retirees' Health Insurance		(35,000.00)	518,000.00	500,972.22	17,027.78	(0.00)
Life Insurance		35,000.00	35,000.00	27,052.56	7,947.44	(0.00)
Workers' Compensation	TR	(3,500.00)	281,500.00	239,983.10	41,516.90	(0.00)
Unemployment Compensation	TR	2,900.00	12,900.00	12,823.09	76.91	(0.00)
Police/Fire Medical Bills	TR	(0.86)	29,999.14	26,297.52	15.02	3,686.60
Medicare/FICA	TR	12,400.00	122,400.00	122,209.01	190.99	0.00
Public Safety Services	TR	32,000.00	32,000.00	24,940.00	7,060.00	0.00
Multi-Peril Pack Pollution	TR	(38,000.00)	162,000.00	156,066.00	934.00	5,000.00
All Other Professional & Technical Services	TR	4,600.00	4,600.00	3,100.00	0.00	1,500.00
Office Supplies	TR	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,236.93	263.07	0.00
Other Unclassified	TR	18,500.00	18,500.00	14,585.01	207.90	3,707.09
Office Supplies, Prior Year	EN	600.00	600.00	599.99	0.01	(0.00)
Other Unclassified, Prior Year	EN	49,580.00	49,580.00	17,471.20	358.80	31,750.00
Police/Fire Medical Bills, Prior Year	EN	5,317.36	5,317.36	3,475.81	1,841.55	(0.00)
Police/Fire Medical Bills, Prior Year	CO	640.58	640.58	509.40	9.22	121.96
Unemployment Compensation, Prior Year	EN	2,011.94	2,011.94	998.14	1,013.80	0.00
Total Unclassified	1,255,000.00	22,549.02	1,277,549.02	1,153,319.98	78,463.39	45,765.65
Non-Departmental						
Operating Expenses			31,000.00	30,489.30	10.70	500.00
Operating Expenses, Prior Year	EN	1,145.03	1,145.03	143.00	1,002.03	0.00
Total Non-Departmental	31,000.00	1,145.03	32,145.03	30,632.30	1,012.73	500.00
Reserve Fund						
Finance Board Reserve Fund	TR	(76,209.00)	8,791.00	0.00	8,791.00	0.00
Total Reserve Fund	85,000.00	(76,209.00)	8,791.00	0.00	8,791.00	0.00
Grand Total	34,712,749.00	1,997,742.83	36,710,491.83	35,207,224.51	300,741.09	1,202,526.23

**Town of Stoneham
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Appropriation	Other Credit	Total Appropriation	Expended	To Surplus Revenue	Carried Over To 1997
CO - Continuous Appropriation					R - Reserve Fund Transfer
EN - Encumbrance					TR - Special Town Meeting Transfer

Town of Stoneham
Balance Sheet For All Funds
As of June 30, 1996

Account	<u>Assets</u>						General L-T Obligations		Account Group
	General Fund	Revolving Fund	Federal/ State Grants	Special Revenue Sewer	Other Special Revenue Water	Capital Projects	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	
Cash - Unrestricted Checking	3,232,964	227,985	388,903	875,028	953,271	87,958	2,489,627	358,154	(53,030)
- Restricted Checking					239,363			1,712,219	
- Restricted Savings									
Personal Property Tax - 1997	(21)								
Personal Property Tax - 1996	23,764								
Personal Property Tax - 1995	5,929								
Personal Property Tax - Prior Years	111,893								
Real Estate Tax - 1997	(6,276)								
Real Estate Tax - 1996	365,662								
Real Estate Tax - 1995	(7,985)								
Real Estate Tax - Prior Years	(466)								
Allowance for Abate/Exemptions	(855,021)								
Tax Liens	300,624								
Deferred Real Estate Tax - 1996	37,901								
Deferred Real Estate Tax - 1995	37,788								
Deferred Real Estate Tax - 1994	26,298								
Deferred Real Estate Tax - Prior Years	131,523								
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 1996	134,785								
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 1995	34,959								
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - Prior Years	321,220								
User Charges Receivable - Sewer									
User Charges Receivable - Water									
Water Liens Receivable									
Other Service Charges Receivable									
Departmental Receivables	331								
Unapportioned Special Assessments	14,342						4,705		
Appointed Assess. Added to Taxes	263						112		
Committed Interest	96								
Appointed Assessments Not Yet Due	13,982						(5,112)		
Assessment Paid in Advance	59						(106)		
Suspended Assessments	6,837						22,722		
Due From Federal Government									
Due From State Government									
Tax Foreclosures									
Amount to be provided for GLTD	2,424								
Total Assets	3,934,155	227,985	783,285	1,686,734	1,523,989	327,321	2,489,627	2,070,372	(53,030)
									3,081,180

Town of Stoneham
Balance Sheet For All Funds
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Liabilities & Fund Balances

Account	General Fund	Revolving Fund	Federal Grants	Special Revenue	Special Water	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Account Group General L-T Obligations
Warrants Payable	450,101	75,430	30,358	1,614	2,026		187,376	28,497	7,391	
Accrued Payroll	143,657	485	743	6,590	8,364				11,189	
Payroll Tax Withholdings									2,196	
Due to Comm. of Mass.										
Unclaimed Items	26,501									
Guaranteed Deposits	3,815									
Deferred Revenue:										
- Uncollected Property Tax	(362,221)									
- Uncollected Def. Real Estate	233,490									
- Uncollected Tax Liens	300,624									
- Uncollected Motor Veh. Exc.	490,964									
- Uncollected User Charges										
- Uncollected Utility Liens										
- Uncollected Dent. Receivables	331									
- Uncollected Gov't Receivables	394,282									
- Uncollected Special Assess.	35,579									
- Uncollected Service Charges										
General Long Term Obligation Bonds										
Total Liabilities	1,322,841	75,915	425,393	819,909	587,365	239,363	187,376	28,497	20,775	3,081,180
Undesignated Fund Balance:										
Fund Balance:										
- Res. for Continuous Approp.	142,445						124,773	217,232		
- Reserved for Encumbrances	221,703						4,597	27,300		
- Designated for Expenditures									37,500	
- Designated Under Assessments	(18,427)									
- Designated Federal Grants										
- Designated State Grants										
- Designated Revolving Fund										
- Reserved for Appropriation										
- Reserved for Special Purposes										
Total Fund Balances	2,611,314	152,070	357,892	866,825	936,624	87,958	2,302,252	2,041,875	(73,805)	0
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	3,934,155	227,985	783,285	1,686,734	1,523,989	327,321	2,489,627	2,070,372	(53,030)	3,081,180

Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Federal & State Grants
As of June 30, 1996

	Balance 7/1/95	Received FY 96	Total Available	Expended FY 96	Balance 6/30/96
Federal Grants					
Public Law 874	5,518	0	5,518	416	5,102
Chapter I - Reading Program	1,868	116,828	118,696	118,801	(105)
Title VIB-Special Education for Handicapped	53,731	148,096	201,827	175,982	25,845
Title I - Special Education	4,402	0	4,402	4,402	0
FEMA Food & Shelter	1,786	4,786	6,572	2,406	4,166
Title II - Block Grant	0	7,136	7,136	7,136	0
Title VIB - Early Childhood Development	12,988	16,480	23,468	14,825	14,843
Community Caring	0	4,094	4,094	1,628	2,467
Title II-DDE Grant	1,816	3,680	6,446	1,816	3,830
IEP Training	1,525	0	1,525	1,525	0
Preferred Technical Assistance	8,961	0	8,961	8,961	0
Drug & Alcohol Grant	44	12,765	12,809	12,509	300
Community Development-Home Program	(18,955)	154,480	135,535	157,120	(21,585)
SCDC Downtown Revitalization Grant	0	107,000	107,000	121,281	(14,281)
Senior Center Renovation Grant	0	0	0	9,068	(9,068)
Snow Emergency Funds	0	49,017	49,017	49,017	0
Total Federal Grants	73,684	624,323	698,007	686,693	11,314
State Grants					
Transportation for the Elderly	306	15,348	15,654	14,986	668
DEQE Waterwaste Systems	284,995	0	284,995	128,247	156,748
Arts & Lottery Grant	9,540	9,978	19,518	10,784	8,734
Snow Emergency Funds	0	60,291	60,291	60,291	0
Reserved for Educational Reform	271	0	271	0	271
Purchasing Agent Grant	165	0	165	134	31
Main Street Revitalization Grant	2,527	0	2,527	2,527	0
School Council Grant	1,440	0	1,440	0	1,440
Law Enforcement Trust	25,416	70,068	85,482	39,262	58,219
State Aid to Public Libraries	29,092	21,224	50,316	23,546	26,769
A P Biology	0	7,804	7,804	2,851	4,953
Health Protection Grant	3,026	71,619	74,645	74,645	(0)
D.A.R.E. Grant	11,601	17,500	29,101	27,234	1,867
Teen Dating	0	5,000	5,000	0	0

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	Balance 7/1/95	Received FY 96	Total Available	Expended FY 96	Balance 6/30/96
State Grants (continued)					
Bullet Proof Vests Grant	0	14,901	14,901	14,901	0
Community Policing	3,528	30,000	33,528	29,778	3,750
Safe School Program	1,015	1,800	2,815	2,815	(0)
Ed Reform-Professional Development	885	0	885	885	0
Ed Reform-Curriculum Framework	(2,913)	7,163	4,250	7,143	(2,893)
Election Reimbursement	1,568	1,132	2,700	2,550	150
CH 811 Highway Improvements	10,060	0	10,060	0	10,060
Street Improvement Grant	7,746	0	7,746	0	7,746
1983 Transportation Bond	149	0	149	0	149
1993 Transportation Bond	0	4,125	4,125	4,125	0
CH 85 of the Acts of 1994-Highway Fund	(49,088)	337,066	287,978	218,060	69,918
Construct Salt Shed	0	99,000	99,000	99,000	0
Total State Grants	341,328	774,016	1,115,345	778,165	337,180
Total Federal & State Grants	415,012	1,398,339	1,813,351	1,464,857	348,494

Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Other Special Revenue
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	Balance 7/1/95	Received FY 96	Total Available	Expended FY 96	Balance 6/30/96
Revolving Funds					
School Lunch Program	47,638	488,749	536,387	536,392	(5)
Athletic Fund	2,783	63,543	66,326	65,917	409
Adult Evening School	1,372	4,535	5,907	5,351	556
Summer School Program	2,182	2,100	4,282	4,000	282
Youth Commission	15,637	26,788	42,425	26,522	15,903
Insurance Reimbursement Under \$20,000.	28,077	17,230	45,307	39,512	5,795
Senior Citizen Outings	3,978	1,279	5,257	128	5,129
Tuition Reimbursement for Out of Town Children	100,303	51,698	152,001	67,456	84,545
Rental of School Buildings	18,050	61,715	79,765	49,819	29,946
Composting Bins	3,858	1,555	5,413	0	5,413
ADA Parking Fines	2,005	2,093	4,098	0	4,098
Total Revolving Funds	225,883	721,285	947,168	795,098	152,070
Receipts Reserved for Appropriations					
County Dog Fund	3,059	2,635	5,694	0	5,694
RESCO Debt Service Reimb.	149,664	0	149,664	149,664	0
Sale of Cemetery Lots	12,850	24,150	37,000	0	37,000
Wetland Protection Fees	8,658	853	9,511	0	9,511
Total Receipts Reserved for Appropriations	174,231	27,637	201,868	149,664	52,204
Individual Gifts & Donations					
Board of Selectmen - Von Dreathen	1,306	0	1,306	0	1,306
Board of Selectmen - Stockwell Fund	127	0	127	0	127
Police - N.E. Memorial Hospital	5	0	5	0	5
Police - K9 Fund	365	0	365	0	365
Fire - NE Memorial Hospital (Super Pass)	785	0	785	0	785
Library - Tel. Comm. for the Deaf	3,992	677	4,669	0	4,669
Library -Other	107	0	107	0	107
Senior Citizens - Christmas Party	101	2,145	2,246	1,623	623

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	Balance 7/1/95	Received FY 96	Total Available	Expended FY 96	Balance 6/30/96
Individual Gifts & Donations (continued)					
Senior Citizens - Fund Raising	2,235	725	2,960	0	2,960
Conservation Commission Donation	25	0	25	0	25
Who Hill Trust	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Board of Health - Donation Stockwell Fund	79	0	79	0	79
Stoneham High School Music Club	526	0	526	0	526
Exxon Foundation	78	0	78	0	78
Stoneham Middle School Music Club	0	1,000	1,000	0	1,000
The Mugar Group	2,728	0	2,728	184	2,544
Rizzo/Conway Donation	0	500	500	250	250
D.A.R.E. Program Donations	5,069	(899)	4,170	100	4,070
Science Program Donations	16,813	0	16,813	16,813	(0)
Stoneham Arena Donations	3,175	0	3,175	0	3,175
Stoneham Cultural Council	95	0	95	0	95
Survey Clearview Road	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0
Public Safety Donation (B.J's)	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Civic Improvement Donation	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000
Veterans' Donations	50	195	245	245	0
Summer Concert Donations	0	3,775	3,775	3,000	775
Community Policing Donations	0	1,958	1,958	0	1,958
Tree Service Donations	0	1,050	1,050	818	232
Fire Dept.-Sr. Center Donations	0	400	400	400	0
Emerald Court Donation	0	5,000	5,000	0	5,000
Total Gifts & Donations	44,661	36,526	81,187	45,433	35,753
Grand Total	444,775	785,448	1,230,223	990,196	240,028

Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Expendable & Non-Expendable Trusts
As of June 30, 1996

	Balance 7/1/95	Received FY'96	Total Available	Expended FY'96	Balance 6/30/96
Expendable Trust Funds					
Thomas Henry Jones Scholarship	1,089	212	1,301	0	1,301
Cemetery Perpetual Care-Income	153,985	65,325	219,313	0	219,313
Cemetery Perpetual Care Flower-Income	12,478	1,949	14,427	713	13,714
Matilda M. Dale Cemetery Fund	333	23	356	0	356
Mary Anna Hill Library	29,844	2,761	32,605	0	32,605
George W.L. Dike Library	6,339	436	6,775	0	6,775
E.J. & A.J. Tredick, Jr., Library	9,179	631	9,810	0	9,810
Richardson Library	164	11	175	0	175
Annie B. Trowbridge Library	16,088	1,306	17,394	0	17,394
Peyton Library Fund	12,856	1,168	14,024	0	14,024
Ruth I. Best Library	3,682	253	3,935	0	3,935
Miniam M. Marsh Library	31,733	2,539	34,272	0	34,272
E.B. Davis Library	3,678	253	3,931	0	3,931
James A. MacDonald Medal	4,610	317	4,927	0	4,927
Annie B. Trowbridge Scholarship	5,047	349	5,396	250	5,146
T.R. & W.H. Qualters Scholarship	28,723	3,699	32,422	1,000	31,422
Ruth I. Best Scholarship	19,603	1,779	21,382	1,000	20,382
James Alden Stockwell Shade Tree	9,662	664	10,326	0	10,326
Sidney A. Hill Welfare Fund	23,919	2,475	26,394	0	26,394
Town Hall Organ Fund	99	7	106	0	106
Alice J. Durgin Welfare Fund	15,892	1,530	17,422	0	17,422
Stoneham War Memorial	4,095	284	4,379	207	4,172
Town Scholarship Fund	1,329	438	1,767	0	1,767
Town Education Fund	257	412	669	0	669
Annie B. Brown Library	53,285	4,946	58,231	0	58,231
Henry Walcott Stockwell Trust Fund	2,558	222	2,780	2,610	170
Stockwell Nurse Fund	597	41	638	0	638
Stabilization Fund	2,502	394,324	396,826	0	396,826
Conservation - Ford Foundation Fund	1,052	72	1,124	0	1,124
Apalakis Library Trust-Stoneham History	0	80,485	80,485	0	80,485
Health Trust Fund	0	2,103,083	2,103,083	1,773,427	329,656
Total Expendable Trust Funds	454,681	2,671,993	3,126,674	1,779,207	1,347,467

Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Expendable & Non-Expendable Trusts
As of June 30, 1996

	Balance 7/1/95	Received FY'96	Total Available	Expended FY'96	Balance 6/30/96
Non-Expendable Trust Funds					
Cemetery Perpetual Care-Principal	655,333	18,675	674,008	0	674,008
Cemetery Perpetual Care Flower - Principal	13,402	1,000	14,402	0	14,402
Thomas Henry Jones Scholarship	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000
Alice J. Durgin Welfare Fund	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
Sidney A. Hill Welfare Fund	3,000	0	3,000	0	3,000
	674,735	19,675	694,409	0	694,409
Total Non-Expendable Trust Funds					
	1,129,416	2,691,667	3,821,083	1,779,207	2,041,876
Total Trust Funds					

Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Capital Projects
As of June 30, 1996

	Balance 7/1/95	Received FY'96	Total Available	Expended FY'96	Balance 6/30/96
Capital Projects					
RESCO Acid Scrubbers	282	0	282	0	282
Central Dispatch System	31,427	0	31,427	11,007	20,421
H.S. Tennis Court Rehabilitation	6,516	0	6,516	0	6,516
MWRA Sewer Rehabilitation Project	264,472	14,761	279,233	33,166	246,067
Renovate Pro Shop/Golf Course	0	285,000	285,000	119,647	165,353
Construct Parks & Playgrounds	0	200,000	200,000	79,357	120,643
Renovate Senior Center	0	1,700,000	1,700,000	112,112	1,587,888
Purchase Fire Truck & Radio System	0	575,000	575,000	557,511	17,489
Renovate Arena	0	350,000	350,000	221,103	128,897
Construct DPW Fuel Station	0	180,000	180,000	171,304	8,696
Renovate Town Hall/Library	0	104,000	104,000	104,000	0
Total Capital Projects	302,697	3,408,761	3,711,458	1,409,206	2,302,252

Town of Stoneham
Schedule of Agency Funds
As of June 30, 1996

	Balance 7/1/95	Received FY'96	Total Available	Expended FY'96	Balance 6/30/96
Agency Funds					
Police Outside Paid Details	(4,661)	267,379	262,718	339,302	(76,585)
Custodial Paid Details	(4,351)	29,831	25,480	28,507	(3,027)
Sale of Fish & Game Licenses	(2)	8,331	8,329	8,625	(296)
Sale of Dog Licenses	2,894	2,501	5,395	2,902	2,493
Backflow Test Program	1,279	23,387	24,666	18,859	5,807
Total Agency Funds	(4,841)	331,428	326,587	398,196	(71,608)

Town of Stoneham
Principal on Maturing Debt Schedule
As of June 30, 1996

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007-2013	Total
Central School Renovation	140,000											140,000
Storm Drain Construction	5,000											5,000
Arena Roof Repair	60,000											60,000
Police Computer System												0
Town Hall Renovation	295,000	240,000										535,000
High School Tennis Courts	15,000	60,000										75,000
Road Const., FY 87	15,000	10,000										25,000
Central Dispatch System	52,500											52,500
Fire Station Renovation	84,000	86,500	77,500	77,500	45,000							448,000
Golf Course(Par 3)-Construction	52,500	52,500	52,500	52,500	55,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	350,000			867,500
Election Equipment	11,000	11,000										22,000
RESCO-Acid Scrubbers	91,400	91,400	93,350	102,900	89,150							468,200
School Capital	33,600	33,600	31,650	22,100	10,850							131,800
Subtotal	855,000	585,000	255,000	230,000	100,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	350,000	2,830,000		
Sewer Main, FY 87			10,000									10,000
Sewer Const., FY 87		45,000	5,000									50,000
MWRA Sewer Rehab. Project		39,045	39,045	39,045	39,045							156,180
Subtotal	94,045	44,045	39,045	39,045	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	216,180
Water Main, 1980	20,000											20,000
Water Main, FY 87	15,000											15,000
Subtotal	35,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35,000
Grand Total	984,045	629,045	294,045	294,045	230,000	100,000	50,000	50,000	350,000	350,000	3,081,180	

Town of Stoneham
Interest on Maturing Debt Schedule
As of June 30, 1996

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007-2013	Total
Central School Renovation	4,060											4,060
Storm Drain Construction	145											145
Arena Roof Repair	5,940											5,940
Police Computer System											0	
Town Hall Renovation	23,250	7,200										30,450
Tennis Courts	4,050	1,800										5,850
Road Const., FY 87	1,050	300										1,350
Central Dispatch System	1,050											1,050
Fire Station Renovation	18,529	15,033	11,473	7,888	4,149	1,125						58,196
Golf Course (Par 3)-Construction	44,584	42,431	40,147	37,719	35,186	32,525	29,863	27,263	24,600	21,875	72,750	408,943
Election Equipment	682	231										913
RESCO Acid Scrubbers	17,452	13,843	10,193	6,150	1,975							49,612
School Capital	4,761	3,370	2,019	907	225							11,281
Subtotal	125,553	84,208	63,832	52,664	41,535	33,650	29,863	27,263	24,600	21,875	72,750	577,791
Sewer Main, FY 87		290										290
Sewer Const., FY 87	1,650	150										1,800
MWRA Sewer Rehab. Project	0	0	0	0								0
Subtotal	1,940	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,090
Water Main, 1980												580
Water Main, FY 87												435
Subtotal	580	435										580
Grand Total	128,508	84,358	63,832	52,664	41,535	33,650	29,863	27,263	24,600	21,375	72,750	580,396

TOWN CLERK & ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

To the Honorable Citizens:

1996 has been a year of historic change in the office of Town Clerk. The most important project was the implementation of the Voter Registration Information System, commonly known as the Motor Voter Law. The monumental task of converting our vast data base was accomplished through the cooperative efforts of staff members under the direction of Assistant Town Clerk, Kathleen Sullivan. Cross training is ongoing, with many office functions now automated, allowing for improved delivery of services to our citizens in this town and many surrounding towns.

The Community Service Program at the Billerica House of Correction accepted our invitation to build new voting booths. This resulted in replacing 58 booths of durable quality for the cost of materials. We constantly strive to improve conditions for all elections and the compliment-

tary use of the Red Men parking lot was another example of community spirit in our endeavors.

The Board of Health transferred the duties of burial agent to this office which has been most beneficial to the funeral directors in the area.

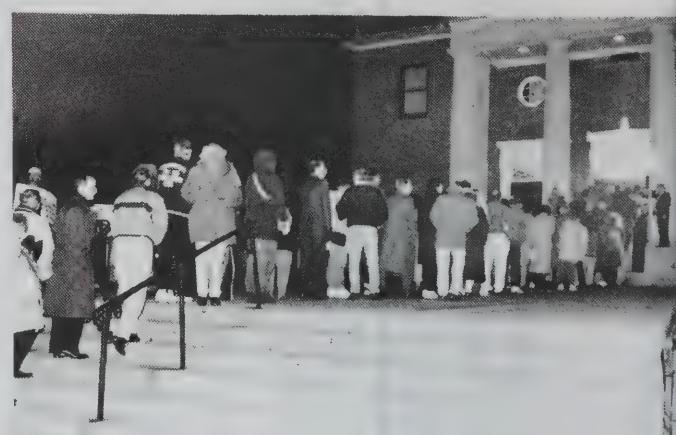
Even as technology advances we still remain the one office with the ability to provide personal information and records for various activities and legal matters.

We hope to continue to serve you in a professional and efficient manner and we appreciate your support of our endeavors.

Annamae Arsenault
Town Clerk



11/5/96 State Election. Photo courtesy of Stoneham Independent



12/2/96. Line waiting to enter for Special Town Meeting. Photo courtesy of Stoneham Independent



New Voting Booths — Community Service program Billerica House of Corrections. Sheriff Brad Baily, Town Clerk Annamae Arsenault, Bob Cronin, town Administrator Jeff Nutting. Photo courtesy of Stoneham Independent

Presidential Primary**March 5, 1996****Total number of Democratic ballots cast.....****604**

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE							
Blanks	4	4	3	10	6	5	32
Bill Clinton	79	76	98	92	96	77	518
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	1	1	1	3	4	3	13
No Preference	8	4	3	4	8	8	35
All Others	2	0	1	1	1	0	5
Misc. Write in	1						1
Total	95	85	106	110	115	93	604

State Committe Man - Third Middlesex District

Blanks	82	69	86	95	96	73	501
All Others	9	11	11	13	14	17	75
Joseph Lawless - Malden	2	2	7	1	3	2	17
Matthew Nestor - Reading	1	3	0	1	2	1	8
Misc. Write in	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
Total	95	85	106	110	115	93	604

State Committe Woman - Third Middlesex District

All Others	6	10	10	11	14	8	59
Blanks	83	71	89	92	100	82	517
Annamae Arsenault, Stoneham	6	4	6	7	1	3	27
Misc. Write in	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	95	85	106	110	115	93	604

TOWN COMMITTEE

Blanks	1739	1422	1654	2137	2233	1470	10655
Charles F. Houghton	52	50	60	59	55	50	326
Annamae Arsenault	70	60	81	80	73	63	427
Elizabeth DeTeso Carr	47	49	62	50	49	47	304
George F. Seaver,	41	44	61	46	48	46	286
Mary F. Seaver	46	45	63	51	47	46	298
Maureen E. Houghton	47	49	59	54	55	50	314
Margaret A. Mahoney	51	50	62	54	53	51	321
Michele A. Mahoney	47	48	57	45	46	50	293
Shirley R. Murray	52	43	62	59	51	49	316
August S. Niewenhous	42	44	54	44	53	51	288
Theresa A. Ward	48	43	58	45	47	50	291
Joseph W. Sentance, Jr.	39	39	56	37	43	44	258
Denise J. Healy	43	42	55	43	45	50	278
James A. McDonough, Jr.	45	45	54	50	54	56	304
Michael J. Rolli	52	50	66	64	59	55	346

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
John R. Cullen, Sr.	44	44	59	46	51	48	292
Cosmo M. Ciccarello	50	48	69	56	70	58	351
Rocco Ciccarello	44	42	60	49	56	52	303
Kathleen Sullivan	56	50	60	54	63	55	338
Daniel J. Pappas	36	40	57	41	43	49	266
Stephen G. McDonough	48	46	54	46	53	51	298
Vincent A. LoPresti	41	37	54	53	57	53	295
David R. Adamson	38	41	53	44	49	47	272
Mildred Schweiger	44	43	58	50	45	53	293
Margaret L. Kimball	40	43	55	44	50	48	280
Mary Guarneri	39	40	58	45	47	52	281
Lena R. Savard	41	41	57	48	46	50	283
David Derow	42	38	52	36	43	47	258
Patricia A. Sullivan	47	45	61	48	47	55	303
Ralph J. Zirpolo	43	38	57	45	48	49	280
Daniel J. Moynihan	43	41	55	43	44	52	278
Donald J. Borchelt	37	42	53	39	45	48	264
June E. Trainor	43	46	58	48	49	52	296
Rosemary Q. Geary	46	43	55	45	52	54	295
Patricia A. LoPresti	42	44	61	52	56	54	309
Total	3326	2977	3713	3854	4030	3261	21161
Group	36	35	48	36	40	43	238

Total number of Republican ballots cast..... 1,186

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE							
Blanks	0	2	2	1	2	0	7
Richard G. Lugar	1	2	2	2	6	5	18
Morry Taylor	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Phil Gramm	1	0	0	1	0	2	4
Patrick J. Buchanan	61	56	57	74	57	83	388
Bob Dole	97	86	82	87	106	72	530
Steve Forbes	24	20	14	25	26	23	132
Lamar Alexander	3	9	9	13	11	20	65
Alan Keyes	1	3	2	4	7	3	20
Robert K. Dornan	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
No Preference	0	2	1	0	4	1	8
All Other	2	2	1	1	1	3	10
Total	191	183	170	208	222	212	1186

State Committe Man	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Blanks	77	66	71	92	82	99	487
Brian M. Cresta	113	115	99	115	138	112	692
All Others	1	2	0	1	2	1	7
Total	191	183	170	208	222	212	1186

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
State Committe Woman							
Blanks	77	68	65	87	86	97	480
Pamela A. Reed	114	114	105	120	133	114	700
All Others	0	1	0	1	3	1	6
Total	191	183	170	208	222	212	1186
TOWN COMMITTEE							
Blanks	4583	4208	4184	5184	5536	5449	29144
JoAnn T. Anderson	99	103	83	96	113	90	584
Gordon E. Perks	83	91	75	89	101	83	522
John F. Mahoney	101	108	89	101	112	97	608
Lawrence C. Allen	88	95	79	93	95	87	537
Harry G. Orcutt	83	92	77	85	92	79	508
Frank A. Vallarelli	102	103	84	103	104	103	599
Ronald J. Saloman	87	103	75	92	91	83	531
Stephen S. MacLeod	92	96	83	93	97	90	551
Kenneth A. Currie	94	95	84	96	108	85	562
Robert P. Fotino	91	96	78	95	92	90	542
Stephen M. Gucciardi	94	100	82	95	99	102	572
Donald F. Thayer, Jr.	84	92	76	89	90	86	517
James L. Standish	96	100	78	100	104	88	566
Salvatore J. Tecce	95	97	79	101	100	88	560
Daniel Doucot	84	94	74	91	93	84	520
Barbara L. Mahoney	107	108	91	106	119	102	633
Rosemary A. Trask	94	97	82	88	92	84	537
Hector Rodriguez-Mundo	87	95	77	88	89	82	518
Barbara E. Neale	94	100	80	90	94	85	543
Dale C. Kershner	83	96	76	88	93	81	517
Paul A. Melkonian	108	107	83	105	129	103	635
Harry Melkonian	101	104	80	101	121	95	602
Write in	11	3	1	11	6	4	36
Total	6641	6383	5950	7280	7770	7420	41444
Group	81	89	71	81	85	76	483

Total number of Libertarian ballots cast.....

2

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE							
Harry Browne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rick Tompkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irwin Schiff	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
No Preference	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	1	1	0	2

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
State Committe Man							
Blanks	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Write in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Committe Woman							
Blanks	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Write in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Town Committee							
Blanks	0	0	0	3	3	0	6
Write in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Local Election

April 2, 1996

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
SELECTMAN (1)							
Blanks	33	15	26	25	27	18	144
John W. Biggio	234	215	280	319	313	252	1613
Daniel Courtenay	120	107	78	149	156	102	712
write in	0	1	2	0	0	1	4
Total	387	338	386	493	496	373	2473
							2473
PLANNING BOARD (1)							
Blanks	34	24	30	57	50	29	224
Frank A. Vallarelli	198	169	222	235	264	211	1299
Matthew H. Kilty	154	144	134	199	182	130	943
write in	1	1	0	2	0	3	7
Total	387	338	386	493	496	373	2473
							2473
1 year ASSESSOR (1)							
Blanks	34	22	19	54	42	24	195
Craig J. Celli	210	196	283	288	308	234	1519
Richard A. Kelly, Jr.	142	120	84	151	145	115	757
write in	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Total	387	338	386	493	496	373	2473
							2473
3 year ASSESSOR (1)							
Blanks	116	72	101	140	130	103	662
John J. Hanright	270	265	284	349	364	269	1801
write in	1	1	1	4	2	1	10
Total	387	338	386	493	496	373	2473

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
BOARD OF HEALTH (1)							
Blanks	103	66	87	129	129	94	608
Michael J. Rolli	281	271	298	364	364	278	1856
write in	3	1	1	0	3	1	9
Total	387	338	386	493	496	373	2473
							2473
HOUSING AUTHORITY (1)							
Blanks	117	72	103	143	129	99	663
William F. Jordan	267	265	282	346	364	273	1797
write in	3	1	1	4	3	1	13
Total	387	338	386	493	496	373	2473
							2473
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2)							
Blanks	172	140	147	210	196	166	1031
Paul A. Melkonian	221	200	231	268	284	196	1400
Jeanne E. Craigie	203	170	214	302	244	203	1336
Robert A. Fields, III	178	166	179	206	265	181	1175
write in	0	0	1	0	3	0	4
Total	774	676	772	986	992	746	4946
							4946
LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2)							
Blanks	252	164	201	298	239	199	1353
Rocco Ciccarello	213	224	253	300	304	249	1543
Peter Chauncy	82	82	81	101	108	100	554
Matthew M. Doucot	65	62	71	88	93	63	442
Marc A. Grimaldi	161	144	165	199	247	134	1050
write in	1	0	1	0	1	1	4
Total	774	676	772	986	992	746	4946
							4946
NORTHEAST VOCATIONAL							
Blanks	106	62	81	114	114	86	563
Anthony E. DeTeso	280	274	304	379	382	287	1906
write in	1	2	1	0	0	0	4
Total	387	338	386	493	496	373	2473
							2473

STATE PRIMARY

DEMOCRAT

DEMOCRAT		State Primary - September 17, 1996						Total
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	
Senator in Congress								764
Blanks	16	29	16	22	21	39	143	
John F. Kerry	86	81	95	117	135	97	611	
All Others	2	2	0	4	1	1	10	
Total	104	112	111	143	157	137	764	
								764
Representative in Congress - Seventh District								
Blanks	16	26	15	28	28	28	141	
Edward J. Markey	87	86	95	113	129	108	618	
All Others	1	0	1	2	0	1	5	
Total	104	112	111	143	157	137	764	
								764
Councillor - Sixth District								
Blanks	28	42	36	52	57	50	265	
Dorothy A. Kelly Gay	76	70	75	91	100	87	499	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	104	112	111	143	157	137	764	
								764
Senator in General Court - Third Middlesex								
Blanks	94	99	100	132	151	128	704	
All Others	10	13	11	11	6	9	60	
Total	104	112	111	143	157	137	764	
								764
Representative in General Court - Thirty-fourth Middlesex								
Blanks	16	27	17	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	60	
Paul C. Casey	88	85	94	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	267	
All Others	0	0	0	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	0	
Total	104	112	111	0	0	0	327	
								327
Representative in General Court - Thirty-fifth Middlesex								
Blanks	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	48	41	38	127	
Stephen Venuti	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	94	112	98	304	
All Others	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	1	4	1	6	
Total	0	0	0	143	157	137	437	
								437
Register of Probate								
Blanks	10	8	14	17	19	17	85	
Robert B. Antonelli	19	21	28	18	23	30	139	
John J. Buckley	10	17	6	17	21	15	86	
Francis X. Flaherty	9	10	4	15	14	7	59	
Diane Poulos Harpell	4	3	4	9	6	13	39	
Marie E. Howe	20	16	22	13	19	23	113	
Joyce E. Hurley	4	2	3	3	3	4	19	
Ronald A. MacDonald	4	5	8	11	10	7	45	
Wanda M. Milik	24	30	22	40	42	21	179	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	104	112	111	143	157	137	764	
								764

DEMOCRAT

County Treasurer - Middlesex								
Blanks	25	21	29	31	36	29	171	
James E. Fahey, Jr.	52	56	57	78	76	69	388	
Warren R. McManus	27	35	25	34	45	39	205	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	104	112	111	143	157	137	764	764
County Commissioner - Middlesex * hand count September 30, 1996								
Blanks	78	82	80	106	124	116	586	
Thomas J. Larkin	27	35	24	32	53	37	208	
Melissa Hurley	50	43	44	67	53	49	306	
James P. Kennedy	4	13	19	14	17	13	80	
Eleanor A. McGarry	15	14	14	21	18	17	99	
Joseph W. Mullin	9	4	12	12	9	8	54	
Edward J. Sullivan	25	33	27	34	42	34	195	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	208	224	220	286	316	274	1528	1528
Sheriff - Middlesex								
Blanks	5	9	5	7	9	7	42	
James V. DiPaola	73	71	75	92	110	92	513	
Leonard H. Golder	3	4	3	3	6	6	25	
Edward J. Kennedy, Jr.	14	16	16	22	15	18	101	
Edward J. Rideout	9	12	12	19	17	14	83	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	104	112	111	143	157	137	764	764

REPUBLICAN		State Primary September 17, 1996						
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	
Senator in Congress								
Blanks	1	2	2	9	8	7	29	
William F. Weld	31	28	27	32	49	42	209	
All Others	0	1	3	1	2	1	8	
Total	32	31	32	42	59	50	246	
							246	
Representative in Congress - Seventh District								
Blanks	8	4	5	6	14	22	59	
Patricia H. Long	24	27	27	36	45	28	187	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	32	31	32	42	59	50	246	
							246	
Councillor - Sixth District								
Blanks	28	28	31	39	55	47	228	
All Others	4	3	1	3	4	3	18	
Total	32	31	32	42	59	50	246	
							246	
Senator in General Court - Third Middlesex								
Blanks	1	4	3	2	7	8	25	
Richard R. Tisei	31	27	29	40	52	42	221	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	32	31	32	42	59	50	246	
							246	
Representative in General Court - Thirty-fourth Middlesex								
Blanks	31	28	31	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	90	
All Others	1	3	1	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	5	
Total	32	31	32	0	0	0	95	
							95	
Representative in General Court - Thirty-fifth Middlesex								
Blanks	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	4	8	6	18	
Partrick C. Guerrero	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	38	51	44	133	
All Others	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	0	0	0	0	
Total	0	0	0	42	59	50	151	
							151	
Register of Probate								
Blanks	8	7	6	6	14	17	58	
Donna M. Lambert	23	24	26	36	45	33	187	
All Others	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Total	32	31	32	42	59	50	246	
							246	
County Treasurer - Middlesex								
Blanks	31	27	31	40	54	47	230	
All Others	1	4	1	2	5	3	16	
Total	32	31	32	42	59	50	246	
							246	

County Commissioner - Middlesex							
Blanks	29	25	32	40	52	55	233
Anthony G. Marino	28	23	24	30	46	33	184
Jerry Vengrow	7	13	8	14	20	12	74
All Others	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	64	62	64	84	118	100	492
							492
Sheriff - Middlesex							
Blanks	8	2	4	7	20	16	57
Brad Bailey	24	29	27	34	36	34	184
All Others	0	0	1	1	3	0	5
Total	32	31	32	42	59	50	246
							246

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

PRECINCT	STATE ELECTION						NOVEMBER 5, 1996	Totals
	1	2	3	4	5	6		
President & Vice President								
Blanks	23	19	31	17	16	26		132
Browne & Jorgensen	15	12	7	17	11	9		71
Clinton & Gore	1022	988	1162	1090	1134	1110		6506
Dole & Kemp	469	443	597	541	591	528		3169
Hagelin & Tompkins	2	1	0	2	2	2		9
Moorehead & LaRiva	7	0	0	1	1	0		9
Perot & Choate	171	143	120	128	158	151		871
All Others	5	8	6	8	4	6		37
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804	10804
Senator in Congress								
Blanks	21	15	24	15	14	20		109
John F. Kerry	906	880	996	961	929	965		5637
William F. Weld	740	657	875	777	923	805		4777
Susan C. Gallagher	44	61	26	51	45	38		265
Robert C. Stowe	3	1	1	0	5	4		14
All Others	0	0	1	0	1	0		2
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804	10804
Representative in Congress								
Blanks	90	67	82	73	72	74		458
Edward J. Markey	1136	1101	1312	1228	1304	1214		7295
Patricia H. Long	486	446	528	503	539	543		3045
All Others	2	0	1	0	2	1		6
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804	10804
Councillor 6th District								
Blanks	620	512	688	642	655	654		3771
Dorothy A. Kelly Gay	1087	1093	1224	1156	1250	1170		6980
All Others	7	9	11	6	12	8		53
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804	10804
Senator in General Court								
Blanks	454	433	492	430	457	454		2720
Richard R. Tisei	1251	1173	1422	1361	1447	1369		8023
All Others	9	8	9	13	13	9		61
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804	10804
Representative 34th District								
Blanks	409	380	511					1300
Paul C. Casey	1299	1225	1404	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX		3928
All Others	6	9	8	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX		23
Total	1714	1614	1923	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	5251	5251

Representative 35th District							
Blanks				90	86	95	271
Patrick C. Guerriero	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	1166	1212	1143	3521
Stephen Venuti	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	547	616	592	1755
All Others	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	1	3	2	6
Total	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	1804	1917	1832	5553
							5553
Register of Probate							
Blanks	248	208	247	236	225	227	1391
Donna M. Lambert	564	531	617	673	664	673	3722
Robert B. Antonelli	901	875	1057	893	1026	932	5684
All Others	1	0	2	2	2	0	7
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804
							10804
County Treasurer							
Blanks	620	515	670	633	668	645	3751
James E. Fahey, Jr.	1090	1094	1249	1166	1240	1183	7022
All Others	4	5	4	5	9	4	31
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804
							10804
County Commissioner							
Blanks	1378	1284	1470	1378	1483	1439	8432
Thomas J. Larkin	719	698	826	774	785	781	4583
Anthony G. Marino	594	548	696	631	750	664	3883
Edward J. Sullivan	533	546	619	622	587	578	3485
Jerry Vengrow	201	151	234	202	221	200	1209
All Others	3	1	1	1	8	2	16
Totals	3428	3228	3846	3608	3834	3664	21608
							21608
Sheriff							
Blanks	138	120	172	143	129	150	852
Brad Bailey	586	606	701	645	673	660	3871
James V. DiPaola	988	885	1047	1016	1113	1022	6071
All Others	2	3	3	0	2	0	10
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804
							10804
Regional Vocational-Chelsea							
Blanks	749	673	847	774	821	772	4636
Michael T. Wall	961	936	1070	1026	1085	1055	6133
All Others	4	5	6	4	11	5	35
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804
							10804
Regional Vocational-Malden							
Blanks	755	635	855	760	799	769	4573
Earl W. Fitzpatrick	619	613	712	675	735	700	4054
Brian F. O'Boyle	334	362	348	366	374	356	2140
All Others	6	4	8	3	9	7	37
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804
							10804

Regional Vocational-Melrose							
Blanks	771	677	859	811	821	790	4729
William C. Mahoney	938	933	1055	990	1086	1037	6039
All Others	5	4	9	3	10	5	36
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804
							10804
Regional Vocational-N. Reading							
Blanks	788	705	876	850	890	842	4951
Paul L Sweeney	923	907	1039	949	1018	989	5825
All Others	3	2	8	5	9	1	28
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804
							10804
Regional Vocational-Reading							
Blanks	812	735	894	867	849	862	5019
John B. Pacino	899	870	1023	930	1060	965	5747
All Others	3	9	6	7	8	5	38
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804
							10804
Regional Vocational-Revere							
Blanks	858	775	969	905	890	904	5301
Ronald J. Jannino	852	833	947	894	1018	925	5469
All Others	4	6	7	5	9	3	34
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804
							10804
Regional Vocational-Stoneham							
Blanks	624	577	703	634	628	705	3871
Anthony E. DeTeso	1083	1032	1214	1169	1281	1125	6904
All Others	7	5	6	1	8	2	29
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804
							10804
Regional Vocational-Saugus							
Blanks	846	766	948	907	878	892	5237
Peter A. Rossetti	863	842	966	893	1032	940	5536
All Others	5	6	9	4	7	0	31
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804
							10804
Regional Vocational-Wakefield							
Blanks	842	754	942	893	866	891	5188
Vincent J. Carisella	869	855	973	905	1042	939	5583
All Others	3	5	8	6	9	2	33
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804
							10804
Regional Vocational-Winchester							
Blanks	846	748	958	896	910	882	5240
Maura A. Looney	864	862	957	904	996	950	5533
All Others	4	4	8	4	11	0	31
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804
							10804

Regional Vocational-Winthrop							
Blanks	893	789	1003	942	941	917	5485
James G. Wallace	819	822	912	857	964	913	5287
All Others	2	3	8	5	12	2	32
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804
							10804
Regional Vocational-Woburn							
Blanks	841	738	951	886	900	883	5199
Thomas A. Shaughnessy	868	873	967	913	1004	943	5568
All Others	5	3	5	5	13	6	37
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804
							10804
Question one (1)							
Blanks	263	118	173	91	203	102	950
yes	1030	1068	1263	1227	1156	1245	6989
no	421	428	487	486	558	485	2865
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1714	1614	1923	1804	1917	1832	10804
							10804

UNICORN RECREATION AREA COMMITTEE

The Unicorn Golf Course has been ever consistent in its appeal to the golfers of our community. The Golf Course has been very busy with rounds of approximating 52,130. There were approximately 24,535 rounds of golf played at the Par 3 course this year as compared to 13,312 rounds last season. The Unicorn Recreation Area Junior Golf Tournament was held again for the third year. This year the tournament was held at the both the Par 3 and the Unicorn courses. The bad weather did not hamper the play. It is the hope of the Committee that the Par 3 Course will bring many more junior players and novice players in the coming year. Mr. Rick Arzillo and his staff have done a fine job in maintaining both the Unicorn Golf Course and the new Par 3.

The Stoneham Arena has been a constant source of recreation for our town. The Arena houses a number of programs for our youth including those with an interest in hockey, figure skating and just plain fun. The ice shows and games provide the Town of Stoneham with a showcase for its many budding hockey players and figure skaters. This year Stoneham Youth Hockey will again be hosting the State Tournament in March. In addition to this tournament, the Learn To Figure Skate Club is hosting a competition in January. This will bring people from all over the State. Hopefully this will be a yearly event. Through the management of Mrs. June Scarpa and her staff, the many groups that utilize the facility are efficiently scheduled and the facility kept in readiness for our patron's use.

The Unicorn Recreation Area Committee is committed to the provision of quality recreation for the citizens of the Town of Stoneham. One of the Committees goals is to see that the youth of Stoneham have the opportunity to learn the game of golf and skating and help keep them active in sports. We wish to remind the citizens of the town to visit the facilities and share in our pride.

TOWN OF STONEHAM VETERANS DAY WEEK, 1996

For the third year, in what has become an annual event in Stoneham, local residents were able to honor our country's veterans through a week-long schedule of events.

Veterans Day Week began on Saturday, November 9, 1996, 7:30 PM, Stoneham Town Hall with the Veterans Day Patriotic Concert Extravaganza with Jon A. Asgeirsson conducting the WOBURN CITY BAND and featuring The Central School Elementary Chorus, directed by Geri Cruickshank.

The traditional **Veterans Day Program** was held on Monday, November 11, at 11:00 AM in our Town Hall with the theme: "Remembering Our Prisoners of War and Missing In Action."

In the opening prayer, James Standish prayed "*endow with the spirit of wisdom those to whom, in Thy name, we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home and obedience to Thy will and law. Hasten the day, we pray, when swords shall be beaten into plowshares, and when the knee of every person, Christian, Hebrew, Moslem or Buddist, shall bow, and every tongue confess that Thou art God*".

Our guest speaker was Stoneham resident and Vietnam Veteran, Frank Cesarale, who shared these reflections:

"As a nation, we must NEVER forget the heavy cost we veterans have paid to ensure the survival of the precious rights and principles of freedom and democracy that are found within our constitution. All one has to do to fully understand this real price of war and commitment to duty is visit a national cemetery and see for yourself the row after row of white crosses that blanket the sacred ground where freedom's heroes and America's patriots rest in peace. Over the past century our great nation has remained militarily strong and secure while almost the entire, volatile world has remained free due to the ultimate display of courage and sacrifice that was shown by those great American heroes.

"As a combat medic in Vietnam, I witnessed this incredible loyalty and bravery on a daily basis. No words can describe properly the acts of these courageous men and women putting their own life in harm's way to save the life of a fellow comrade. It is also indescribable to explain the totality of the love and camaraderie exhibited by these same young men and women of all races and creeds united with the same common goal of helping each other survive through the horrors of war.

"Today I join with all Americans in thanking and saluting all America's Veterans and their families."

On Wednesday, November 13, the annual **Veterans Day Week** Senior Luncheon was held in the Town Hall Banquet room with some one hundred participants enjoying "*the safety of home and the warmth of family and friends*" remembering "*those who gave their all that we may live*". Following the luncheon, a special "Musical Salute To Our Armed Forces" was presented by Jane Francis and Friends.

During **VETERANS DAY WEEK**, 1996, announcement was made of the application submittal requesting The Vietnam Veterans Memorial **THE MOVING WALL** to be hosted by the Town of Stoneham [hopefully in 1997]. Sponsored by THE WARREN E. BURGER CHAIR FOUNDATION of Stoneham, **THE MOVING WALL**, the 1/2 scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington, DC, was constructed to give Gold Star parents, Vietnam veterans and virtually all Americans who might never have the opportunity to travel to our Nation's capital to at least have the opportunity to walk up to the Memorial and hopefully feel the positive and healing benefits that the Memorial seems to bestow on nearly everyone who comes in contact with it.

Of **THE MOVING WALL**, John Devitt, who conceived and designed **THE MOVING WALL**, says: "*To walk up to the Vietnam Veteran Memorial or its extension in THE MOVING WALL is profoundly a religious experience. Profoundly an American experience. Profoundly a human experience. Profoundly a loving experience because*

"GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN:

THAT HE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS!"

YOUTH COMMISSION



Youth Commission Members: Front row: Chairman Robert O'Keefe, Jr.; Back row: Marc Grimaldi, Stephen McDonough, Stephen Sylvester, Denise Healy, and Jack Killory. Missing from photo: Patricia Kilty.

The Youth Commission is comprised of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and one Director of Youth Commission Activities. The Youth Commission's primary function is to establish and carry out programs which are designed to satisfy the challenges and problems of the youth in Stoneham. The board members are Chairman Robert O'Keefe Jr., Denise Healy, Stephen McDonough, Patricia Kilty, Dr. Jack Killory, Stephen Sylvester and Marc Grimaldi. Meetings are held on the third Monday of every month, unless the Monday falls on a holiday or a quorum (4 members) can not attend on a particular date, then the meeting is re-scheduled for the Monday before or after the holiday. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Park Field House.

Approximately 1,000 children participated in the Youth Commission sponsored and co-sponsored activities during the calendar year.

PERMITS

A total of sixty field permits were issued to various individuals and community organizations including the school department, to use town playing fields.

OPEN PARKS PROGRAM

Under the supervision of Christine DelRossi, Director of the Youth Commission and staff, 300 children from

the ages 6 to 15 participated in the Summer Parks program. (six year olds are required to be accompanied by an older sibling). The playgrounds were open from July 1, 1996 to August 23, 1996. This summer the playgrounds were open for eight weeks rather than seven weeks as in the past. Colonial Park, East School and Robin Hood School were open five days a week, six hours a day. Pomeworth Park was open two days a week and South School playground was open three days a week for six hours a day. The hours were 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Each playground was staffed with two instructors who were responsible for organizing and supervising activities. Staff included: Lorraine Fantasia as the Assistant Director, returning for her 10th summer, Andrea Sabbag, Todd Reily, Richie Curran, Amy Gebhard, David DeGeorge, Kelly Goss, Lauren Spada, and Bill Thompson. Kerri Walsh was responsible for Arts & Crafts projects at all the playgrounds.

Children registered the first day they attended the park. A schedule and permission slip was given to each child on their first day. When the enrollment form was returned, the children were allowed to participate in playground games, arts and crafts projects and attend field trips. Program highlights included field trips to Water Country (twice), Pawtucket Red Sox in Rhode Island, Canobie Lake Park and Hampton Beach in New Hampshire. Local trips were taken to the Woburn Cinema, Candy Castle, Baskin Robbins, Hago Harrington's Miniature Golf, Ironwood batting cages and Dairy Dome. Cost of the field trips were paid by each individual, and is subsidized by the Youth Commission to allow more children to participate. Financial assistance is also given to families in need. Special events included: the Summer Blast and Field Day with the Boys & Girls Club and the Northeast Trickstars BMX event.

The Youth Commission would like to thank Ruth Brophy of the Tobacco Control Program for sponsoring the tobacco presentation given to the children during the field day by Doctor T. Doctor T brought a strong message to the youngsters about not smoking. T-shirts, posters and water bottles were given out to the children for answering questions.

OPEN GYM PROGRAM

Under the supervision of Christine DelRossi, Director, Lorraine Fantasia and Kelly Goss, a recreational basketball program was held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from October to March at the Middle School Gymnasium from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There were approximately 200 participants in this program. The gym was

closed on vacations, holidays and special school events. The purpose of this program is to keep the students off the streets and to focus their energy on participating in a recreational activity.

NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER CAMP

Due to popular demand for an activity for five and six year olds, the Youth Commission offered this tremendous soccer camp. The camp was offered July 8 to July 12, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Recreation Park. The cost of the camp was \$52.00 which included a shirt and ball for the young soccer players. The children had fun and enjoyed playing soccer games with coach Texas Tim.

JOHN SMITH #1 SOCCER CAMP

The soccer clinic was held at Recreation Park for one week, from July 22 to July 26, 1996. The camp ran from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There were 17 girls and boys between the ages of 6 to 12 who participated. Beginner, intermediate, and advanced soccer skills were taught by three professional soccer players from England. The fee ranged from \$80.00 to \$89.00, depending if a ball was purchased, or if there was more than one family member participating. One scholarship was given to a participant and financial assistance was given to one participant.

Due to rain on two days of camp, the Youth Commission paid for the participants to have the camp in the High School Gymnasium.

TENNIS LESSONS

Lessons were offered through the Woburn Racquet Club directed by Carol Ann Duffy. Lessons were given on a weekly basis from July 1 to August 30, 1996 at the High School tennis courts. Lessons were available to all ages. Groups were divided into four levels depending on age and ability. The levels included: peewee (4 to 7), beginner and advanced beginner (8 and up) junior varsity (12 & up). The lessons cost \$27.00, for one hour a day, for one week. The Youth Commission offered a three day special from July 1st through July 3rd for \$17.00. Adult lessons were offered for \$30.00 to meet twice a week for two hours.

AFTER HOURS PROGRAM

The Youth Commission and Our Place/M.E.L.D, co-sponsored this after school program. This program is designed to provide an opportunity to Stoneham children to use after school time in creative and enjoyable activities. Approximately 200 students participated. Some of the activities offered during session 1 included: X-Mas Ornaments, Fun & Games, Holiday Baking, Holiday Crafts, Track & Field, On Stage and Dance, Dance, Dance. Session 2

activities included: Jewelry Making, Kid Crafts, Create-A-Craft, Kids News, What's Cooking, Enhancing Self Esteem thru Art, Introduction to Photography, Introduction to French, Artists at Play and Decorative Painting. Classes ran from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Central School and Middle School, and classes ran from 2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. at Robin Hood School, St. Patrick's and South School. Tuition was \$45.00 per child per 6 week class.

DRAMA WORKSHOP

The Youth Commission and Our Place/M.E.L.D. co-sponsored this wonderful workshop. Linda Sarin of East Hampstead, N.H. was selected as the artistic director of the 1996 Summer Drama Workshop.

The youngest participants, the 5 to 7 year olds, worked on an adaptation of the Wizard of Oz. The two older groups performed a comedy/mystery dinner theater production called "Who Stole Hillary's Diamond?" and a play called "Alison Applebee's Magical Mystery Garden". Linda Sarin, picked the dinner theater concept because she felt it was both challenging and fun for the kids to interact with the adults in the audience.

The first play, "Alison Applebee's Magical Mystery Garden," was presented by the middle-aged group. This production taught the kids valuable lessons about the environment. Twenty three children performed.

The second play, "Who Stole Hillary's Diamond?" was presented by the older kids. The production was full of entertaining dancing, singing and jokes about a commonly criticized aspect of society-Politics. The productions took place in the Town Hall on August 23 and 24, at 7:15 p.m. The tickets cost \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children and \$2.50 for seniors.

EASTER EGG HUNT

This first annual Easter Egg Hunt was co-sponsored with the Boys & Girls Club of Stoneham. This event was held at Recreation Park, on Saturday, April 6, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. The kids who participated were 9 and under, and they were only required to bring a basket to collect the 800 plastic eggs that were hidden and stuffed with candy and prizes. Approximately 150 children participated.

COMPUTER CAMP

The Youth Commission co-sponsored the computer camp with the Central School PTL. The camp is open to Stoneham children entering first through sixth grade. The children learned how to put together stories, make cards, calendars and learned the many functions of a computer. The camp was offered for two sessions. The first session

was offered from July 8 to the 19th, 1996, Monday thru Friday, grades 1 to 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon and grades 4 to 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The second session was offered July 22 to August 2, 1996, Monday thru Friday, grades 1 to 3, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon and grades 4 to 6, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Claire Guifreida taught the first session, and Adam Craigie taught the second session. Nine children registered for the first session and eleven children registered for the second session. The cost of the camp per session is \$100.00 per child.

CABLE WORKSHOP

The Youth Commission co-sponsored the "Kids for Cable" workshop with Continental Cablevision in Woburn for the fourth consecutive year. The workshop was offered for two sessions at no charge to the participants. The first session was offered from July 15 to 25, 1996, Monday thru Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The second session was offered from August 12 to 22, 1996, Monday thru Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Each child provided their own lunch for the half hour lunch break. The ages of the participants were between 11 and 14 years old. Twelve children registered for the first session and eleven children registered for the second session.

The workshop is designed to teach the children the basic operation of a television studio, as well as provide them with the opportunity to use their new skills. The children discover that shooting a program is far more complicated than pointing a camera at a bunch of actors. After learning the ins and outs of camera operation, audio directing and computer graphics, the children formed teams (crews) and created a new product for which they made up a television advertisement. They completed the whole production process from conception to storyboarding to scripting to videotaping their ad in the studio.

FISHING

The Youth Commission and Community Policing co-sponsored a freshwater fishing outing for a group of fifteen kids ages 8 to 14 on Tuesday, August 13, 1996, from 9:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Breakheart Reservation in Saugus. The kids fished from the shore. Aquatic Resources, a division of Fish & Game provided the fishing rods and equipment. Bob Andrews did the instruction. Stoneham Community Policing provided the bait, lunch and chaperons. The Youth Commission handled registrations and transportation to Breakheart Reservation.

GOLF LESSONS

Free golf lessons were provided to Stoneham youngsters by Unicorn golf pros Paul and Mike Munroe at Rec-

reation Park. The event was sponsored by the Youth Commission and Unicorn Recreation.

The Youth Commission offered beginner and intermediate golf lessons for adults and juniors at Ironwood Golf in Woburn. Lessons were taught by an Ironwood PGA professional. A minimum of 4 persons was required to offer the lessons. The cost for adults for five lessons, one hour per session was \$65.00. Lessons for the juniors for three-two hour sessions was \$50.00

SKATEBOARDING & IN-LINE SKATING

This activity was initiated by a group of Stoneham youths, community police and religious leaders, searching for a town sponsored location for a Skateboard/In-Line skating park, the Youth Commission conducted a preliminary investigation into the liability issues with this sport.

Following a growing community interest in this project and the need to design a safe location for Stoneham skateboarders and in-line skaters to practice their sport, the Stoneham selectmen appointed a sub-committee (Skateboard/In-Line Skating Committee) to explore the feasibility of skateboard/in-line skating in Stoneham. The committee is comprised of officials, community leaders and representatives of skateboarders and in-line skaters. Marc Grimaldi, a Youth Commission member volunteered to represent the Youth Commission on this committee, he was then later appointed the chairman of the Skateboard/In-Line Skating Committee. Marc has spent a lot of time and effort on this project and has been a tremendous leader in working with the community and interest groups in making this project a reality.

Presently the committee is preparing to put forth a comprehensive proposal to the selectmen regarding a potential skateboard/in-line skating park which will offer Stoneham youth the opportunity to practice their sport in a safe residential setting. The park will be open to youths of all ages throughout the day and into the early evening with the aid of park lighting.

RENOVATION OF PARKS

The Youth Commission played a major role in this project working with Jeff Nutting, the Town Administrator, Robert Grover and Larry Brophy from the Department of Public Works and the school department. One of the first major highlights was the renovation of Central School basketball court, located on William Street. Through the efforts of concerned citizens and Town and School officials, area youths have a place to play basketball during the summer's hot nights. The court lights are on until 10:00 p.m. during the spring, fall and summer nights.

Recreation park fields was closed for the fall season and Broadway field was closed for the spring and fall seasons due to field renovations. Youth organizations and the school department made special arrangements with scheduling games and practices on other fields.

Recreation park had a major face lift. The basketball courts were paved and the courts lined with new back boards and nets. Sprinkler systems were installed and new grass was planted, new benches were installed, the major league field has been revamped and new fencing has been installed throughout the park.

Broadway field has a new sprinkler system and new grass planted. The fields have been loamed, graded and re-seeded. There is also a new parking lot.

AP Rounds, East School and Recreation Park also had new playground equipment installed.

RALPH ARSENAULT DEDICATION

On Friday, August 23, 1996 at 2:00 p.m., the Youth Commission dedicated a small corner at Recreation Park to the late Ralph Arsenault in recognition of his many years of service to the children in the community of Stoneham. Reverend Scott B. Hendericks started the ceremony with an opening prayer. Youth Commission member Denise

Healy paid tribute on behalf of the Youth Commission. In attendance was State Senator Richard Tisei, and State Representatives Paul Casey and Patrick Guerriero, as well as Selectmen Al Conti and Cosmo Ciccarello and friends who recalled his dedication to the youth of Stoneham. The entire community was invited.

A bouquet of flowers was donated by Sandy Flaherty of Evergreen Florist which was given to Annamae Arsenault, Ralph's wife. BJ's Wholesale Club donated a sheet cake for the ceremony, Diane Boudreau, from Graphics Touch donated her talents for the design of the dedication program cover and Tiny Bubbles donated balloons for the special event.

In memory of her husband, Annamae Arsenault presented a check to the Town. Selectmen, Al Conti, accepted the check on the town's behalf. In honor of Mr. Arsenault, an account has been set up called the Ralph J. Arsenault fund. Annually an award will be given to an outstanding park instructor for his/her commitment and dedication to the Youth Commission's Open Parks Program. Richard Curran was the recipient this year. He was chosen because of his traits and qualities such as his outstanding athletic ability, positive attitude, energetic and friendly personality and outstanding efforts to the services of the parks programs.



From East School Playground at Water Country.

TOWN DAY

The Youth Commission participated in the annual Town Day festivities. For the fifth year, the Youth Commission participated in the "kids korner" activities. "Kids Korner" was sponsored by the following local businesses: Stoneham Motor Ford Company, Bud's Sunoco, Vining Disposal and Cummings Properties. Proceeds from the ride is used for Special Needs Programs. Friendly's Restaurant donate the ice cream for the ice cream eating contest that the Youth Commission sponsored. The contest was enjoyed by many children who received ribbons for placing in first, second, third and a participants ribbon.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

In June of 1996, Youth Commission member Stephen Sylvester volunteered to participate on the Open Space Committee. The Open Space Committee is involved with utilizing Open Space in Stoneham, being recreation, Spot Pond etc. The committee works closely with the Metropolitan District Commission, Massachusetts Water Resource Authority and Friends of the Fellsway.

SPECIAL NEEDS ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE PROGRAM

This program is for adults 18 years and older with special needs. Members enjoy meeting twice a month at Recreation Park field house. Vans are used for transportation. The cost is \$99.00 per person. Financial assistance was available. This year's social activities included: a laser show at the Museum of Science, dinner at the new Vinny Testa's, dancing at a night club, a trip to Turtle Lane Playhouse to see "Man of La Mancha," miniature golf and ice cream night, dinner at Hard Rock Café, a fall hay ride, a Halloween costume party dance, a trip to the Turtle Lane Playhouse to see "Music Man" and ending the year with a "Holiday Show". The Youth Commission hired Drew Biillies from Alternative Leisure Company to organize this social program. The program is self-sustaining except for the cost of the Director's services.

"CAMP FOR ALL" PROGRAM

This was the third consecutive summer for "Camp for All". This program is a day camp for all children, between the ages of 5 to 10 years old who look for a smaller camp, with more individualized programs, with less competition. The camp is held at Recreation Park field house

and swimming was held at Bedford Brook Springs in Bedford. The camp was offered for seven weeks, but only ran for six weeks due to low registration for the July 8, week. The camp ran from July 15, 1996 thru August 23, 1996, Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost of the camp was \$99.00, with a \$10.00 discount for each additional family member. Financial assistance was available to families in need. The cost includes field trips and a "Camp for All" T-shirt for each participant. A minimum of 20 campers were required to run the camp, with a maximum of 30 campers. Each week the camp had a different theme. The themes for the summer included: "Magic", "Outer Space", "Go for the Gold...Summer Olympics", "The Wonderful World of Transportation", "Save the Planet" and "Clayworks". Some of the field trips were to Roger Williams Zoo, Museum of Science and Planetarium, a tour of Fenway Park, the famous Duck Tours, Wingersheek Beach and Canobie Lake Park. Eighty-one children participated in the camp. The Youth Commission hired Drew Biillies from Alternative Leisure Company to organize the program.

RECREATION PARK FIELD HOUSE

The Youth Commission under the direction of the Town Administrator is responsible for the maintenance and usage of the Recreation Park Field House. The field house was used by organizations such as Little League, Youth Soccer and Youth Basketball for meetings, clinics and registrations during the course of the year.

The field house is available to all interested groups or organizations in the Town of Stoneham to conduct registrations and meetings during the year. The Youth Commission used the building for monthly meetings, for the Open Parks Program, Camp for All Programs, Friday Night Live Program and for summer program registrations.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Youth Commission would like to extend our appreciation to the Department of Public Works for its cooperation with the park program and field house maintenance, and to the School Department for allowing the Youth Commission to use the Middle School gymnasium, and School Department's mini-bus.

A special thanks is also extended to Barbara Mahoney at the Council on Aging for allowing the Youth Commission to use the Senior van for the Friday Night Live Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine DelRossi
Youth Commission Director

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1996

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham
in the County of Middlesex,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the
Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town
affairs to meet in the TOWN HALL, 35 CENTRAL STREET,
on Tuesday, April 2, 1996, at seven o'clock in the forenoon
to act on the following articles of this Warrant:

ARTICLE 1. To choose the following officers:

One (1) Selectman for three (3) years.

Two (2) School Committee members for three (3)
years.

One (1) Board of Assessors member for three (3) years.

One (1) Board of Assessors member for (1) year.

One (1) Planning Board member for (5) years.

Two (2) Trustees of the Stoneham Public Library for
three (3) years.

One (1) Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational
School Committee member for four (4) years.

One (1) Housing Authority member for five (5) years.

One (1) Board of Health member for three (3) years.

All on one ballot.

The polls for the Annual Town Election shall be closed
at eight o'clock in the evening.

For consideration of the following Articles, the meeting
shall be adjourned to meet in the TOWN HALL at 7:30
o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 6, 1996, in accordance
with provisions of Article 1, Section 2-3 of the By-Laws of the Town of Stoneham.

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen
on January 23, 1996 the inhabitants of the Town of
Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and affairs met in
the Stoneham Town Hall on Monday, May 6, 1996 at 7:40
P.M. in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters
entering the Town Hall and the check list showed 226 voters
attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator,
Michael Rotondi, and the warrant was read.

The invocation was given by Reverend William Schmidt.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 2. VOTED that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 3. VOTED that the reports of Town officers and committees, as printed in the Annual Town Report for 1995 be accepted.

UNANIMOUS

A report was given by Cameron Bain, member of the Railroad Right of Way/Land Use Study Committee.

A report was given by Paul Melkonian, member of the School Committee, concerning the building facilities study and the members of said committee were introduced.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 1996/97 fiscal year.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 4. It was moved and seconded that the Town fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 1996/97 fiscal year as follows:

Moderator	\$ 100
Selectmen	\$ 2,000
Town Clerk	\$ 40,000
Assessors	\$ 1,050

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 32, Section 90A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, effective July 1, 1996, to increase the retirement allowances of all of the former employees

of the Town of Stoneham who have retired on account of injuries sustained or hazards undergone in the performance of their duties to an amount equal to one half (1/2) of the rate of regular compensation payable to employees of the Town of Stoneham holding similar positions as of May 1996, in the same grade or classification occupied by such former employees at the time of their retirement, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of money for said purpose or act in any manner relating thereto.

WILLIAM F. JORDAN ET AL
57 HANCOCK STREET

ARTICLE 5. It was moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 32, Section 90A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, effective July 1, 1996, and increase the retirement allowances of all of the former employees of the Town of Stoneham who have been retired on account of injuries sustained or hazards undergone in the performance of their duties to an amount equal to one half (1/2) of the rate of regular compensation payable to employees of the Town of Stoneham holding similar positions as of June, 1996, in the same grade or classification occupied by such former employees at the time of their retirement, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,900 for said purpose, and that the Retirement Board is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote.

CARRIED YES 167 NO 37

It was moved and seconded to reconsider Article 5.
DID NOT CARRY

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-laws "Chapter 15 of the Town Code" by adding to the Highway Business District the following described property:

A certain parcel of land situated in Stoneham, Mass., bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at a point on the northerly sideline of Franklin Street, said point being the southwest corner of the herein described parcel and about 244 feet east of Stevens Street along the northerly sideline of Franklin Street.
Thence running N 29 E a distance of about 332 feet to a point;
Thence turning and running S 85 E a distance of about 143 feet to a point;
Thence turning and running S 29 W a distance of about 386 feet to a point of the northerly sideline of Franklin Street;
Thence turning and running N 63 W along the northerly sideline of Franklin Street a distance of about 130 feet to the point of beginning, containing an area of about 46,600 sq. ft. and shown as Lot A on a plan

entitled "Plot Plan of Land, Stoneham, Mass. Scale: 1" = 40' by Benchmark Survey dated February 21, 1996.

CHARLES F. HOUGHTON ET AL
15 KIMBALL DRIVE

ARTICLE 6. It was moved and seconded that the subject matter of Article 6 be indefinitely postponed.
UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-laws "Chapter 15 of the Town Code" by deleting from Section 6.7.3.1(a) Medical District and by adding to Section 6.7.3.1(c) Medical District and by adding to Section 6.7.3.3(c) Medical District so that said sections read as follows:

6.7.3.1 Wall signs shall be permitted as follows:

- (a) Within Residential and Open Space/Recreation Districts as follows:
- (c) Within Commercial and Medical Districts as follows: Wall signs in Commercial and Medical Districts shall be allowed subject to the same provisions as for wall signs in Business Districts, except the heights of such signs shall not exceed six (6) feet.

6.7.3.3 Individual Letter Signs shall be permitted as follows:

- (c) Within Commercial Districts and Medical Districts individual letter signs shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.

CHARLES F. HOUGHTON ET AL
15 KIMBALL DRIVE

ARTICLE 7. It was moved and seconded that the subject matter of Article 7 be indefinitely postponed.
UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money to secure architectural and/or engineering services to support a comprehensive facility plan for the School Department, or do anything in relation thereto.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 8. It was moved and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to secure architectural and/or engineering services to support a comprehensive facility plan for the School Department. Said sum to be raised from revenue of the current year.
UNANIMOUS

It was moved and seconded to reconsider Article 8.

DID NOT CARRY

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money for major repairs to buildings for the School Department in relation thereto.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 9. It was moved and seconded that \$150,000 be appropriated for remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to school buildings and outdoor athletic facilities and for school departmental equipment; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$150,000 under General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7 and that the School Committee is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money for the purchase of departmental equipment for the School Department, or do anything in relation thereto.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 10. It was moved and seconded that \$200,000 be appropriated for the purchase of departmental equipment for the school department; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$200,000 under General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7; that the School Committee with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid or other funds available for the project, which shall be expended in addition to the amount appropriated by this vote; and that the School Committee is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

It was moved and seconded to reconsider Article 10.
DID NOT CARRY

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept as Public Ways the following ways as laid out by the Planning Board:

Barbara Road, from the end of the previous acceptance southerly and westerly 326 feet, more or less, to Valdora Drive.
Bramante Circle, from Pebble Place northwesterly 264 feet, more or less, to the end of the cul-de-sac.
Brookbridge Road, from the end of the previous acceptance westerly 383 feet, more or less, to Crystal Drive.

Greg Road,	from Crystal Drive easterly 320 feet, more or less, to the end of the cul-de-sac.
Melba Lane,	from the end of the previous acceptance easterly 281 feet, more or less, to the end of the cul-de-sac.
Rita Road,	from the end of the previous acceptance off Longbow Road southerly 98 feet, more or less, to the end of the cul-de-sac.
Ryan Circle,	from Valdora Drive westerly 190 feet, more or less, to the end of the cul-de-sac.
Valdora Drive,	from Melba Lane northerly 627 feet, more or less, to the end of the cul-de-sac.
Whittemore Lane,	from Spring Street easterly and southerly, 700 feet, more or less, to the end of the cul-de-sac.

and authorize the Department of Public Works to obtain by purchase, accept as a gift, take by right of eminent domain under provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws, or otherwise acquire any land or interest in land necessary or proper for the acceptance of such ways.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 11. It was moved and seconded that the Town accept as Public Ways the following ways as laid out by the Town Administrator:

Barbara Road,	from the end of the previous acceptance southerly and westerly 326 feet, more or less, to Valdora Drive.
Bramante Circle,	from Pebble Place northwesterly 264 feet, more or less, to the end of the cul-de-sac.
Brookbridge Road,	from the end of the previous acceptance westerly 383 feet, more or less, to Crystal Drive.
Greg Road,	from Crystal Drive easterly 320 feet, more or less, to the end of the cul-de-sac.
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Valdora Drive,	from Melba Lane northerly 627 feet, more or less, to the end of the cul-de-sac.

Whittemore Lane, from Spring Street easterly and southerly, 700 feet, more or less, to the end of the cul-de-sac.

and authorize the Town Administrator to obtain by purchase, accept as a gift, take by right of eminent domain under provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws, or otherwise acquire any land or interest in land necessary or proper for the acceptance of such ways, and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this acceptance.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Public Way the following way as laid out by the Town Administrator:

Peters Drive, a distance of 208 feet, more or less, and authorize the Department of Public Works to obtain by purchase, accept as a gift, take by right of eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws, or otherwise acquire any land or interest in land necessary or proper for the acceptance of such ways, or do anything in relation thereto.

ERNEST F. MINGHELLA ET AL
5 PETERS DRIVE

ARTICLE 12. It was moved and seconded that the Town accept as a Public Way the following ways as laid out by the Town Administrator:

Peters Drive, a distance of 208 feet, more or less, and authorize the Town Administrator to obtain by purchase, accept as a gift, take by right of eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws, or otherwise acquire any land or interest in land necessary or proper for the acceptance of such ways, and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this acceptance.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, by deleting:

Section 2-15.1. Secret ballot.

Upon the vote of fifty or more persons present and voting at an annual or special town meeting, a secret ballot shall be used as the means of voting on a particular motion. and by inserting:

Section 2-15.1. Secret ballot.

Upon the vote of seven or more persons present and voting at an annual or special town meeting, a secret

ballot shall be used as the means of voting on a particular motion.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 13. It was moved and seconded that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, by deleting:

Section 2-15.1. Secret ballot.

Upon the vote of fifty or more persons present and voting at an annual or special town meeting, a secret ballot shall be used as the means of voting on a particular motion, and by inserting:

Section 2-15.1. Secret ballot.

Upon the vote of seven or more persons present and voting at an annual or special town meeting, a secret ballot shall be used as the means of voting on a particular motion.

It was moved and seconded to amend the motion on Article 13. as follows:

Change article to reduce number of people to 25 from 50, instead of changing the number of people to 7.

CARRIED YES 62 NO 57

The main motion as amended was voted.

CARRIED

*Attorney General approval July 9, 1996

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for traffic enforcement or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 14. It was moved and seconded that the subject matter of Article #14 be indefinitely postponed.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Wetlands Protection Fee account (15-3306). Said funds to be used by the Conservation Commission to employ the use of environmental experts to assist the Commission in its duties or do anything in relation thereto.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ARTICLE 15. It was moved and seconded that the Town transfer the sum of \$7,500 to be used by the Conservation Commission to employ environmental experts to assist the Commission in its duties. Said sum to be

transferred from the Wetlands Protection Fee account (15-3306), and authorize the Town Administrator and the Conservation Commission to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing equipment for maintenance of the cemetery, and determine in what manner the said appropriation shall be raised, from taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 16. It was moved and seconded that the Town appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of purchasing equipment for maintenance of the cemetery, said appropriation shall be transferred from the Perpetual Care Interest Account and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains, hydrant replacement, water meter installations or maintaining the water system within the limits of the Town, determine in what manner the said appropriation shall be raised, from taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 17. It was moved and seconded that the Town appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains, replacing or relining existing water mains, hydrant replacement, water meter installations or maintaining the water system within the limits of the Town, said sum to be transferred from estimated Water Receipts and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing and/or rehabilitating sewer mains, manholes, pump stations or appurtenances or maintaining the sewer system within the limits of the Town, determine in what manner the said appropriation shall be

raised, from taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 18. It was moved and seconded that the Town appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing and/or rehabilitating sewer mains, manholes, pump stations or appurtenances or maintaining the sewer system within the limits of the Town, said sum to be transferred from estimated Sewer Receipts and the Town Administrator is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following changes to Town Clerk fees as authorized by MGLA Chapter 262, section 34, 1-79:

CLAUSE	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT	PROPOSED
(13)	For furnishing certificate of birth	\$5.00	\$10.00
(42)	For entering notice of intention of marriage and issuing certificates thereof	\$15.00	\$20.00

ANNAMAE ARSENAULT
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLE 19. It was moved and seconded that the Town accept the following changes to Town Clerk fees as authorized by MGLA Chapter 262, section 34, 1-79:

CLAUSE	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT	PROPOSED
(13)	For furnishing certificate of birth	\$5.00	\$10.00
(42)	For entering notice of intention of marriage and issuing certificates thereof	\$15.00	\$20.00

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or by transfer from available funds, such sums as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, including debt and interest and a reserve fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 20. It was moved and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,745,878 to defray Town charges including the Town operating budget for the year beginning July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997, said sum to be itemized as on Exhibit A, Side 1. And further, the forgoing appropriation be raised and/or transferred as itemized on Exhibit A.

EXHIBIT A

	Department	FY97 Personnel	FY97 Operating	FY97 Intergovern	FY97 Total
#114	Town Moderator	\$100	\$75		\$175
#122	Selectmen	\$54,607	\$15,050		\$69,657
#123	Town Administrator	\$213,970	\$97,300		\$311,270
#131	Finance Board	\$14,815	\$2,950		\$17,765
#132	Reserve Fund		\$85,000		\$85,000
#135	Town Accountant	\$135,156	\$50,740		\$185,896
#141	Assessors	\$116,390	\$14,000		\$130,390
#145	Town Treasurer	\$170,746	\$86,650		\$257,396
#151	Town Counsel	\$64,994	\$17,100		\$82,094
#161	Town Clerk	\$91,766	\$7,760		\$99,526
#162	Election & Registration	\$24,330	\$30,705		\$55,035
#171	Conservation Comm.	\$3,600	\$700		\$4,300
#172	Whip Hill Park	\$20,459	\$8,275		\$28,734
#175	Planning Board	\$19,285	\$1,570		\$20,855
#210	Police Dept.	\$2,309,691	\$149,750		\$2,459,441
#211	Traffic Directors	\$110,000	\$3,500		\$113,500
#212	Dispatchers	\$181,496	\$6,020		\$187,516
#220	Fire—Emergency	\$1,916,322	\$116,380		\$2,032,702
#241	Inspectional Services	\$99,487	\$11,000		\$110,487
#291	Emergency	\$26,000	\$4,800		\$30,800
#300	Public Schools				\$14,950,000
#399	N.E. Voke School		\$170,000		\$170,000
#400	DPW Admin	\$707,888	\$1,749,955		\$2,457,843
#440	Sewer	\$356,369	\$50,335	\$3,050,000	\$3,456,704
#450	Water	\$379,953	\$145,580	\$1,110,000	\$1,635,533
#510	Health	\$82,831	\$9,010		\$91,841
#541	Council On Aging	\$96,018	\$5,000		\$101,018
#542	Youth Commission	\$30,500	\$11,370		\$41,870
#543	Veterans	\$8,800	\$67,355		\$76,155
#610	Public Library	\$388,345	\$135,400		\$523,745
#630	Unicorn Recreation	\$352,830	\$435,600		\$788,430
#710	Maturing Debt & Int.		\$1,295,000		\$1,295,000
#910	Non-Contrib.		\$84,000		\$84,000
#911	Contributory		\$2,250,000		\$2,250,000
#918	Capital Improv.		\$258,100		\$258,100
#919	Unclassified	\$10,000	\$1,235,000		\$1,245,000
#920	Non-Departmental		\$38,100		\$38,100
TOTAL					\$35,745,878

From Revenue of the Current Year		\$30,112,207
By Transfer from the Perpetual Care Interest Income Account		\$27,500
By Transfer from the Sale of Lots & Graves Account		\$20,000
By Donation from the Conservation Commission		\$10,000
By Transfer from the Estimated Water Receipts To:		
Water Department Personnel Account		\$379,953
Water Department Operating Account		\$145,580
Water Department Intergovernmental Account		\$1,110,000
Department #710 Maturing Water Debt & Interest		\$36,015
Department #135 Town Account Personnel Account		\$7,434
Department #135 Town Accountant Operating Account		\$3,190
Department #145 Treasurer Personnel Account		\$9,391
Department #145 Treasurer Operating		\$4,766

Department #911 Contributory Pensions Operating Account	\$90,001
Department #919 Unclassified Operating Account	\$32,356
By Transfer from the Estimated Sewer Receipts To:	
Sewer Department Personnel Account	\$356,369
Sewer Department Operating Account	\$50,335
Sewer Department Intergovernmental Account	\$3,050,000
Department #710 Maturing & Interest Sewer Debt	\$165,985
Department #135 Town Accountant Personnel Account	\$13,516
Department #135 Town Accountant Operating Account	\$5,800
Department #145 Treasurer Personnel Account	\$17,075
Department #145 Operating Account	\$8,665
Department #911 Contributory Pension Operating Account	\$38,960
Department #919 Unclassified Operating Account	\$50,780
TOTAL	\$35,745,878

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 9:40.

UNANIMOUS

Annamae Arsenault
Town Clerk

And you are directed to have five hundred (500) copies of the warrant printed and so serve the same by posting duly attested copies in at least ten (10) public places in the Town seven (7) days at least before the time for holding said meeting and by causing a duly attested copy of the said Warrant to be published in some newspaper in the Town, the publication to be not less than three (3) days before said meeting.

The remaining copies you are to have at the place and time of said meeting as aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant

with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given unto our hands this fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Albert B. Conti, Chairman
John W. Biggio
Cosmo M. Ciccarello
Patrick F. Jordan, Jr.
Mark T. Vaughan

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1996

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen on April 23, 1996 the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Stoneham Town Hall on Thursday, May 9, 1996 at 7:40 P.M. in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the check list showed 39 voters attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Michael Rotondi, and the warrant was read.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the amendment of the drainage and sewer easement granted to the Town by Christopher Coviello by instrument, dated June 12, 1973, recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 12457, Page 511 relating to the premises located at 32 Pine Street, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 1. VOTED that the Town authorize the amendment of the drainage and sewer easement granted to the Town by Christopher Coviello by instrument, dated June 12, 1973, recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 12457, Page 511 relating to the premises located at 32 Pine Street and that the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept as Public Ways the following ways as laid out by the Town Administrator:

1. Everett Street from previously accepted portion westerly 314 feet, more or less, to cul-de-sac.
2. Pamela Circle from Pebble Place southeasterly 240 feet, more or less, to cul-de-sac.
3. Pebble Place from previously accepted portion southwesterly 694 feet, more or less, to cul-de-sac.
4. Rivers Lane from Tamarock Terrace to Pebble Place, 667 feet, more or less.
5. Tamarock Terrace from previously accepted portion southwesterly 645 feet, more or less.

and authorize the Town Administrator to obtain by purchase, accept as a gift, take by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws, or otherwise acquire any land or interest in land necessary or proper for the acceptance of such ways or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 2. VOTED that the Town accept as Public Ways the following ways as laid out by the Town Administrator:

1. Everett Street from previously accepted portion westerly 314 feet, more or less, to cul-de-sac.
2. Pamela Circle from Pebble Place southeasterly 240 feet, more or less, to cul-de-sac.
3. Pebble Place from previously accepted portion southwesterly 694 feet, more or less, to cul-de-sac.
4. Rivers Lane from Tamarock Terrace to Pebble Place, 667 feet, more or less.
5. Tamarock Terrace from previously accepted portion southwesterly 645 feet, more or less.

and authorize the Town Administrator to obtain by purchase, accept as a gift, take by eminent domain under the provisions of Chapter 79 or 80A of the General Laws, or otherwise acquire any land or interest in land necessary or proper for the acceptance of such ways and authorize the Town Administrator to take any other action necessary to carry out this acceptance

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money in the amount of \$550 to fund prior year medical bills for both retired and active police and firemen who were injured in the line of duty.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 3. VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$550 to Fund prior year medical bills for both retired and active police and firemen who were injured in the line of duty. Said sum to be transferred from Department #919 Unclassified - Operating and authorize the Town Accountant and Town Administrator to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund various FY96 budgets or act in any manner relating thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 4. VOTED that the Town transfer the sum of money to fund various FY96 budgets by making increases in the following accounts:

#123	Town Administrator	Operating	\$12,000
#145	Treasurer	Operating	5,000
#151	Town Counsel	Operating	2,000
#162	Elections & Regist.	Operating	3,000
#210	Police Department	Personnel	80,000
#211	Traffic Directors	Personnel	2,000
#220	Fire Department	Personnel	11,000
#220	Fire Department	Operating	7,000
#400	Public Works	Operating	115,692
#510	Board of Health	Personnel	2,500
#610	Library	Operating	3,000
	Total		\$243,192

and make the following transfers:

	Available Funds		\$ 55,000
#132	Reserve Fund	Operating	\$ 76,209
#135	Town Accountant	Operating	11,983
#543	Veterans	Operating	25,000
#710	Maturing Debt	Operating	40,000
#919	Unclassified	Operating	35,000
	Total		\$243,192

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:50 P.M.
UNANIMOUS

Annamae Arsenault
Town Clerk

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies in at least ten (10) public places in the Town fourteen (14) days at least before the time for holding said meeting and by causing an attested copy to be published in some newspaper in the Town, the publication to be not less than three (3) days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given unto our hands this twenty-third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
John W. Biggio, Chairman
Cosmo M. Ciccarello
Albert B. Conti
Patrick F. Jordan, Jr.
Mark T. Vaughan

UNANIMOUS

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, October 21, 1996

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen on September 26, 1996 the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Stoneham Town Hall on Monday, October 21, 1996 at 7:40 PM, in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the check list showed 197 voters attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Michael Rotondi. The pledge of allegiance was led by cub scout pack 540, and the warrant was read.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for prior year medical bills for police and fire fighters, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 1. VOTED the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,000, from Revenue of the Current Year, for prior year medical bills for police and fire fighters.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for a prior year bill for Traffic Directors Uniforms, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 2. VOTED that the Town appropriate, from Revenue of the Current Year, the sum of \$399.30 to pay for a prior year bill for Traffic Directors Uniforms.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to increase the amount voted under Article 5 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting total of \$49,911, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 3. VOTED that the Town appropriate, from Revenue of the Current Year, the amount of \$8,011 to increase the amount voted under Article 5 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting total of \$49,911.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to fund the cost items in fiscal years 1995, 1996

and 1997 contained in the interest arbitration award between the Town of Stoneham and the Stoneham Police Association, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 4. VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$130,000 to fund the cost items in fiscal years 1995, 1996 and 1997 contained in the interest arbitration award between the Town of Stoneham and the Stoneham Police Association. Said sum to be raised as follows:

\$87,108 from Revenue of the Current Year

\$42,892 From the Surplus Revenue Account

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to fund the cost items included in any collective bargaining settlement(s) for the various collective bargaining associations or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 5. VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$530,000, from the Surplus Revenue Account, to fund the cost items included in any collective bargaining settlement(s) for the various collective bargaining associations.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for major repairs to buildings for the School Department, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 6. VOTED that the Town appropriate, from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$150,000 for major repairs to buildings for the School Department.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote of Article 9 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 7. VOTED that the Town rescind the vote of Article 9 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase of departmental equipment for the School

Department, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 8. VOTED that the Town appropriate, from the Surplus Revenue Account the amount of \$200,000 for the purchase of departmental equipment for the School Department.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote of Article 10 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 9.VOTED that the Town rescind the vote of Article 10 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the revaluation of real estate and personal property, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 10. VOTED that the Town transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$185,000 for the revaluation of real estate and personal property.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money into the Stabilization Fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 11. VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$250,000 into the Stabilization Fund. Said sum to be transferred as follows:

\$60,000 from the Surplus Revenue Account

\$190,000 from the Overlay Reserve Account

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to amend the FY97 departmental budgets as voted under Article 20 of the May 1996 Annual Town Meeting, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 12. VOTED that the Town amend the FY97 departmental budgets as voted under Article 20 of the May 1996 Annual Town Meeting as presented in the handout entitled

"Exhibit I"

ADJUST THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT BUDGET AS ITEMIZED BELOW:

	Department	Personnel	Operating	Inter-govern.	Total	Difference from previous Appropriation
122	Board of Selectmen	54,667	15,050		69,717	60
123	Town Administrator	222,971	111,300		334,271	23,001
131	Finance Board	14,815	3,500		18,315	550
132	Reserve fund		125,000		125,000	40,000
135	Town Accountant	133,774	50,740		184,514	(1,382)
141	Board of Assessors	113,988	14,000		127,988	(2,402)
145	Treasurer	169,255	86,650		255,905	(1,491)
151	Town Counsel	65,192	17,100		82,292	198
161	Town Clerk	95,126	7,760		102,886	3,360
175	Planning Board	19,108	1,570		20,678	(177)
210	Police Department	2,332,789	149,750		2,482,539	23,098
212	Public Safety Dispatch	207,229	6,020		213,249	25,733
220	Fire Department	1,907,367	116,380		2,023,747	(8,955)
241	Inspection Services	98,850	11,000		109,850	(637)
300	Public Schools				15,086,000	136,000
399	Vocational School		177,478		177,478	7,478
440	Sewer	349,029	50,335	2,934,370	3,333,734	(122,970)
450	Water	370,117	145,580	1,071,554	1,587,251	(48,282)
510	Board of Health	78,227	12,010		90,237	(1,604)
541	Council of Aging	94,576	5,000		99,576	(1,442)

	Department	Personnel	Operating	Inter-govern.	Total	Difference from previous Appropriation
542	Youth Commission	42,500	11,370		53,870	12,000
610	Public Library	374,451	142,050		516,501	(7,244)
630	Unicorn Recreation	348,811	435,600		748,411	(4,019)
910	Non-contrib. Pension		86,000		86,000	2,000
918	Capital Equipment		292,500		292,500	34,400
919	Unclassified	100,000	1,235,000		1,335,000	90,000
TOTAL						\$197,273

and adjust the REVENUE as follows:

Increase revenue of the current year by

Decrease water receipts by

Decrease Sewer receipts by

TOTAL

368,525

(48,282)

(122,970)

\$197,273

It was moved and seconded to amend Article #12 by deleting the sum \$197,273 and inserting in it's place the sum of \$185,273, The difference being \$12,000 allocated to the Personnel line of Department #542, Youth Commission. And further said sum of \$12,000 or any part thereof shall not be expended for the stated purpose until a review is conducted on the feasibility and impact of creating a new Recreation Department, a new job classification and salary schedule.

DID NOT CARRY

It was moved and seconded to have a hand count.

The amendment **DID NOT CARRY**

YES	NO
63	85

ARTICLE 12. The main motion, as presented was voted.

CARRIED

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the third sentence of G.L. c.59, sec. 2A (a) as provided for in Chapter 653, Section 40 of the Acts of 1989, which provides that "[n]otwithstanding the foregoing, in any city or town, which accepts the provisions of this sentence, buildings and other things erected on January second and ending on June thirtieth of the fiscal year preceding that to which the [real property] tax relates shall be deemed part of such real property as of January first", or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 13. VOTED that the Town accept the third sentence of G.L. c.59, sec. 2A (a) as provided for in Chapter 653, Section 40 of the Acts of 1989, which provides that "[n]otwithstanding the foregoing, in any city or town, which accepts the provisions of this sentence, buildings

and other things erected on January second and ending on June thirtieth of the fiscal year preceding that to which the [real property] tax relates shall be deemed part of such real property as of January first".

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase of a dump truck, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 14. VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purchase of a dump truck. Said sum to be transferred as follows:

\$22,500	from the Perpetual Care Interest Income Account
\$7,500	from Revenue of the Current Year

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money in the amount to be received by the Town from the State Highway Funds Account Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1996 and Chapter 204 of the Acts of 1996, as provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on Public Ways within the Town or other eligible municipal projects, and authorize the Department of Public Works to make such expenditures, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 15. VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$459,173 which is in the amount to be received by the Town from the State Highway Funds Account Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1996 and Chapter 204 of the Acts of 1996, as provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on Public Ways within the Town or other eli-

gible municipal projects, and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditures.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the development and purchase of hardware, software, and other support materials and supplies, staffing or the provisions of contractual services for a geographic information system, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 16. VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the development and purchase of hardware, software, and other support materials and supplies, staffing or the provisions of contractual services for a geographic information system.

Said sum to be transferred as follows:

\$50,000 from the Surplus Revenue Account
\$75,000 from the Surplus Water Revenue Account
\$75,000 from the Surplus Sewer Revenue Account

CARRIED

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the construction, or reconstruction, of recreational facilities, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 17. VOTED that the Town appropriate, from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$75,000 for the construction, or reconstruction, of recreational facilities.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 18. VOTED that the Town appropriate, from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$100,000 for the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the maintenance of public property, including but not limited to contractual services, or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 19. VOTED that the town appropriate, from the Surplus Revenue Account the sum of \$50,000 for the maintenance of public property, including but not limited to contractual services.

It was moved and seconded to amend the motion on Article #19 as follows:

And further that no less than \$12,000 from all funds expended and or received shall be allocated for the "Main Street Traffic Island(s)".

CARRIED

The main motion as amended was voted.

CARRIED

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Section 8-8 which currently reads as follows:

Section 8-8

It shall be unlawful to park or leave standing or unattended, for greater than two hours, on any public way or private way open for use to the general public, any vehicle or combination of attached vehicles twenty-five (25) feet or more in length having a registered gross weight of ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.) or more, or any unattached trailer regardless of its length or weight.

The term vehicle shall include, but not be limited to a truck, tractor, trailer, bus, van, motor or mobile home or recreational vehicle.

The prohibition imposed hereby shall not apply to the parking or standing of such vehicles when:

- a. Making pickups or deliveries or load or unloading goods to or from property located on the way or within one thousand feet (1,000') of the subject property.
- b. Being used in connection with or in aid of the performance of a service to or in a property located on the way or within one thousand feet (1,000') of the subject property.
- c. Parked or standing on a private way in a district zoned as "commercial" on the Town of Stoneham zoning map on file in the office of the Building Inspector and the Department of Public Works.

so that the section reads as follows:

Section 8-8

It shall be unlawful to park or leave standing or unattended, for greater than two hours, on any public way or private way open for use to the general public, any of the following:

- a. Any commercial vehicle or combination of commercial vehicles having a registered gross weight of eight thousand pounds (8,000 lbs.) or more;

- b. Any vehicle or combination of attached vehicles feet (25') or more in length or having a registered gross weight of ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.) or more; or
- c. Any unattached trailer regardless of its length or weight.

The term vehicle shall include, but not be limited to a truck, tractor, trailer (attached or unattached), bus, van, motor or mobile home or recreational vehicle.

The prohibition imposed hereby shall not apply to the parking or standing of such vehicles when:

- a. Making pickups or deliveries or loading or unloading goods to or from property located on the way or within one thousand feet (1,000') of the subject property.
- b. Being used in connection with or in aid of the performance of a service to or in a property located on the way or within one thousand feet (1,000') of the subject property.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 20. VOTED that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Section 8-8 as presented in the warrant.

DID NOT CARRY

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town of Stoneham will vote to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Stoneham by adding to the Highway Business District, the following parcel of land, more particularly described as follows:

A certain parcel of land situated in Stoneham, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southeasterly most point of the parcel located at 86 Main Street, Route 28, Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts;

Thence running easterly one hundred (100) feet;
 Thence continuing north one hundred sixty (160) feet;
 Thence east seventy-two (72) feet, more or less;
 Thence continuing south one hundred sixty (160) feet;
 Thence west seventy-two (72) feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Said land to be rezoned contains 11,520 square feet, more or less.

Said area to be rezoned is further shown on a plan of land entitled, "Rezoning Plan, Cumberland Farms", Scale 1" = 20.00', dated July 27, 1996.

Or to act in any other manner in relation thereto.

ROSEANNE LAGORIO ET AL
8 MARIE AVENUE

ARTICLE 21. VOTED that Article 21 be indefinitely postponed.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1996, "An Act Authorizing Certain Public Employees Creditable Retirement Service Time For Active Service In The Armed Forces", as amended by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1996, "An Act To Provide For An Orderly and Just Application Of A Certain Provision Of The Commonwealth's Pension Law", or do anything in relation thereto.

STONEHAM RETIREMENT BOARD

ARTICLE 22. VOTED that the Town accept Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1996, "An Act Authorizing Certain Public Employees Creditable Retirement Service Time For Active Service In The Armed Forces", as amended by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1996, "An Act To Provide For An Orderly and Just Application Of A Certain Provision Of The Commonwealth's Pension Law".

It was moved and seconded to indefinitely postpone action on article #22.

DID NOT CARRY

The main motion, as presented, was voted.
CARRIED

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 10:10 P.M.
UNANIMOUS

Annamae Arsenault
Town Clerk

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies in at least ten (10) public places in the town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting and by causing an attested copy to be published in some newspaper in the town, the publication to be not less than three days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given unto our hands this tenth day of October in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-six.

Board of Selectmen
John W. Biggio, Chairman
Cosmo M. Ciccarello
Albert B. Conti
Patrick F. Jordan, Jr.
Mark T. Vaughan

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and
warned the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified

to vote in elections and Town affairs of the within meeting
by posting attested copies of the said Warrant in at least
ten (10) public places in the town on September 26, 1996
and by publishing duly attested copy of said Warrant in the
Stoneham Independent on October 2, 1996.

Robert E. Moreira

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

DECEMBER 2, 1996

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham
in the County of Middlesex,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the
Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town
affairs to meet in the Stoneham Town Hall, 35 Central Street
on

Monday, December 2, 1996

at 7:30 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following
articles of this Warrant:

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen
on October 15, 1996 the inhabitants of the Town of
Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs
met in the Stoneham Town Hall on Monday, December 2,
1996 at 8:07 PM in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters
entering the Town Hall and the check lists showed 850
voters attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator,
Michael Rotondi, at 8:07 PM and the warrant was read.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Biggio,
chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize
the Board of Selectman to acquire by purchase, accept as
a gift, take by right of eminent domain pursuant to Chapter
40, Section 14 and Chapter 79 of the General Laws, or
otherwise, for the purpose of the creation of a public park-
ing area and related open space, the parcels of land de-
scribed below, together with any trees and structures
thereon, if any, and any easements or other rights which
may be appurtenant to, or associated or used and enjoyed
in connection with, such parcels of land.

And further: to raise and appropriate a sum of money
for the purpose of acquiring such land and for constructing
and developing said public parking and open space area,
including, but not limited to, removal of structures thereon,
and all expenses in connection therewith; to determine in
what manner said appropriation shall be raised, whether
by taxation, from available funds, by borrowing or by any
combination of the foregoing; to authorize the Board of

Selectmen or the Town Administrator to enter into agree-
ments with state or federal agencies for financial or other
assistance in connection with the acquisition of said land
and/or the construction or development of the public park-
ing and open space area; and to pass any other vote(s)
which the Town deems necessary for the purpose of this
article, or to do anything in relation thereto.

The owners of the below described parcels of land,
as recited in the legal descriptions included within this ar-
ticle, although supposed to be correct, are such based only
upon opinion and belief.

Parcel 13-507 - 16 Franklin Street

The land, with buildings thereon, in Stoneham,
Middlesex County, Massachusetts, bounded and described
as follows:

Beginning at the most southerly corner of the granted
premises, at the corner of Franklin Street and Fuller Street,
as shown on plan entitled, "Plan of Land located in
Stoneham, Mass. owned by Harry R. Dockam, W. H.
Morrison, C.E., June 18, 1945" recorded with Middlesex
South District Registry of Deeds, thence

N 31° 12' E	sixty (60) feet to an iron pipe at other land now or formerly of Gordon S. Pettengill, et ux, as marked on said plan; thence
N 54° 26' W	fifty-five and 8/10 (55.8) feet to an iron pipe; thence
N 30° 30' E	one hundred twenty and 3/10 (120.3) feet to an iron pipe at Block Street; thence
N 58° 57' W	fifty-three and 7/10 (53.7) feet to an iron pipe at other land now or formerly of Gor- don S. Pettengill et ux, as marked on said plan; thence
S 32° 55' W	by other land of said Pettengill and by land now or formerly of Deferrari a total of one hundred seventy-five and 4/10 (175.4) feet to said Franklin Street; thence
S 50° 24' E	one hundred sixteen and 3/10 (116.3) feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 13,574 square feet, all according to said
plan.

Being the same premises described in a deed from
A. Vernon Weaver, Administrator of Small Business Ad-
ministration to Roy J. Costa dated December 28, 1980 and
recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of
Deeds in Book 14178, Page 343.

Parcel 13-520 - 2-4 Fuller Street

The land in Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, on the Northwesterly side of Fuller Street, being shown as Lot B on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Stoneham, Mass., owned by Harry R. Dockam," dated August, 1945, by W. H. Morrison, C.E., recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 7009, Page 461 and bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHEASTERLY	by said Fuller Street, seventy-six and 67/100 (76.67) feet;
SOUTHWESTERLY	by land marked Lot "A" on said plan, fifty-five and 8/10 (55.8) feet;
NORTHWESTERLY	also by said Lot "A" as shown on said plan, seventy-two and 47/100 (72.47) feet;
NORTHEASTERLY	by land marked "C" on said plan, fifty-six and 57/100 (56.57) feet.

Containing 4,190 square feet, more or less, or however otherwise said premises may be bounded, measured or described.

Being the same premises described in a deed from Arthur J. Halpin et ux to Joseph I. Sabella and Linda A. Sabella dated April 9, 1976 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 12981, Page 15.

Parcel 13-521-6 Fuller Street

That certain parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon (if any), situated at the southwesterly corner of Block Street and Fuller Street in Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and bounded and described as follows:

NORTHEASTERLY	by said Block Street, fifty-nine and 75/100 (59.75) feet, more or less;
SOUTHEASTERLY	by said Fuller Street, approximately forty-eight (48) feet, more or less;
SOUTHWESTERLY	by Lot B as shown on a plan recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds in Book 7009, Page 461, fifty-six and 57/100 (56.57) feet; and
NORTHWESTERLY	by lot containing 13,574 square feet, more or less, as shown on a plan recorded with said Deeds, in Book 6867, Page 283, forty-seven and 56/100 (47.56) feet.

Said premises being a portion of the lot marked "Harry R. Dockam," as shown on said second mentioned plan.

Being the same premises described in a deed of a one half interest in the premises from Gordon S. Pettengill, Trustee to Roy J. Costa dated October 9, 1981 and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in

Book 14438, Page 578.

Parcel 13-522 - 3 Block Street

PARCEL I:

The land, with the buildings thereon, located in Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts at the junction of Fuller and Block Streets and containing 6,884 square feet, more or less, and bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING	at the Southeasterly corner thereof at a point on Fuller Street two and forty-two one-hundredths (2.42) feet Northerly from the junction of said Fuller and Block Streets; thence
NORTHERLY	by said Fuller Street fifty-seven and seventy-five one-hundredths (57.75) feet to land of Julie E. Whitcher; thence
WESTERLY	by said Whitcher land fifty-four and eight one-hundredths (54.08) feet to an angle; thence
NORTHERLY	still by said Whitcher land eighteen and five tenths (18.5) feet to land now or formerly of one Blackburn; thence
WESTERLY	again by said Blackburn land forty-nine and five tenths (49.5) feet to land of Town of Stoneham; thence
SOUTHERLY	by said Town of Stoneham land seventy-five and thirty-seven one-hundredths (75.37) feet to a point two and forty-three one-hundredths (2.43) feet northerly from Block Street; thence
EASTERLY	in a straight line approximately two and forty-three one-hundredths (2.43) feet North through from said Block Street, one hundred nine and six one-hundredths (109.06) feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL II:

A certain track or parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in said Stoneham on Fuller Street and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of said premises at Fuller Street and land now or formerly of Aboulom Samour;

thence westerly by said Samour land 54.08 feet to a bound; thence turning and running at right angles, Northerly by said Samour land 10.5 feet to land now or formerly of one Blackburn;

thence turning and running Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Julia E. Whitcher, 20.25 feet to an angle;

thence Easterly still by land now or formerly of said Julia E. Whitcher, 41.30 feet to said Fuller Street;

thence Southerly by said Fuller Street, .033 feet to the bound first mentioned; containing 163 square feet, more or less.

Excepting from the above described premises all that land included in a taking by the Town of Stoneham recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds Book 5547, Page 493.

Parcel I and Parcel II are comprised of the same premises described in a deed from Sandra Dickerman, Trustee to Frank Bush dated May 15, 1996 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 26318, Page 601.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 1. It was moved and seconded that the Town authorize the Board of Selectman to acquire by purchase, accept as a gift, take by right of eminent domain pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 14 and Chapter 79 of the General Laws, or otherwise, for the purpose of the creation of a public parking area and related open space, the following parcels of land:

Parcel 13-507 - 16 Franklin Street, Parcel 13-520 - 2-4 Fuller Street, Parcel 13-521 - 6 Fuller Street, Parcel 13-522 - 3 Block Street, as further described in Article #1 of the Warrant for Special Town Meeting, Monday, December 2, 1996, together with any trees and structures thereon, if any, and any easements or other rights which may be appurtenant to, or associated or used and enjoyed in connection with, such parcels of land.

And further move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,600,000 for the purpose of acquiring such land and for constructing and developing said public parking and open space area, including, but not limited to, removal of structures thereon, and all expenses in connection therewith. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to \$1,600,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws, with the understanding that after the state and/or federal reimbursements, the Town's net cost will not exceed \$400,000. Further authorize the acceptance of state and federal grants for this project; and authorize the Board of Selectmen or the Town Administrator to enter into agreements with state or federal agencies for financial or other assistance in connection with the acquisition of said land and/or the construction or development of the public parking and open space area.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

It was moved and seconded to indefinitely postpone.

DID NOT CARRY

It was moved and seconded to have a secret ballot.
CARRIED

The secret ballot count: YES 527 NO 279
DID NOT CARRY

It was moved and seconded to adjourn.
DID NOT CARRY

It was moved and seconded to reconsider Article 1.
DID NOT CARRY YES 433 NO 226

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting to Thursday, December 5, 1996, 7:30 PM.
CARRIED

The Special Town Meeting of December 2, 1996 re-convened on Thursday, December 5, 1996 at 7:38 PM.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the check lists showed 167 voters attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Michael Rotondi, and the warrant was read.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anthony Kennedy, chairman of the Finance & Advisory Board.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, accept as a gift, take by right of eminent domain pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 14 and Chapter 79 of the General Laws, or otherwise, for the purpose of the creation of a town common and public parking lot, the parcels of land described below, together with any trees and structures thereon, if any, and any easements or other rights which may be appurtenant to, or associated or used and enjoyed in connection with, such parcels of land.

And further: to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of acquiring such land and for constructing and developing said town common and public parking lot, including, but not limited to, the removal of structures thereon and all expenses in connection therewith; to determine in what manner said appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination of the foregoing; to authorize the Board of Selectmen or the Town Administrator to enter into agreements with state or federal agencies for financial or other assistance in connection with the acquisition of said land and/or the construction or development of the town common and public parking lot;

and to pass any other vote(s) which the Town deems necessary for the purpose of this article, or to do anything in relation thereto.

The owners of the below described parcels of land, as recited in the legal descriptions included within this article, although supposed to be correct, are such based only upon opinion and belief.

Parcel 13 - 1 - 6 Winter Street

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on the northerly side of Winter Street in Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, containing 4,160 square feet of land according to a plan entitled "Subdivision of Land in Stoneham, Mass.", dated August 25, 1952, Warren M. Mirick, Registered Surveyor, duly recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds in Book 7967, Page 224.

Said premises are further bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY	by said Winter Street, fifty-four and 46/100 (54.46) feet;
WESTERLY	by land shown on said plan as of Robert E. and Ethel M. Bemis, seventy-four and 24/100 (74.24) feet;
NORTHERLY	by Lot #3 on said plan, and a portion of Lot #4, fifty-six (56) feet; and
EASTERLY	by Lot #1 on said plan, seventy-six and 26/100 (76.26) feet.

Being the same premises described in a deed from William L. Amico et al. to Stavros Dinis and Charles A. Dinis dated March 25, 1987 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 17965, Page 396.

Parcel 13-2 - 30 Central Street

A certain parcel of land located in Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, containing 5,032 square feet of land, and being Lot numbered 1 on Plan entitled, "Subdivision of Land in Stoneham, Mass.", Warren M. Mirick, Reg. Surveyor, August 25, 1952, recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 7967, Page 224.

Said Lot 1 being further bounded and described, according to said Plan, as follows:

SOUTHERLY	by Winter Street 35 feet;
SOUTHEASTERLY	by a curved line at the corner of said Winter Street and Central Street, with a radius of 20 feet, 13.44 feet;
EASTERLY or SOUTHEASTERLY	by said Central Street, 57.67 feet;

NORTHEASTERLY	by Lot numbered 5 on said Plan 52.67 feet;
NORTHWESTERLY	by Lot numbered 4 on said Plan 9.30 feet;
NORTHERLY	also by said Lot 4 on said Plan 26.51 feet; and
WESTERLY	by Lot numbered 2 on said Plan 76.26 feet;

Being the same premises described in a deed from Agnes C. Bezanson to Paul Fitzgerald and Eleanor A. Fitzgerald dated September 22, 1952 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 7967, Page 227.

Parcel 13-3 - 32 Central Street

A certain parcel of land situated on the southerly side of Church Street and the northwesterly side of Central Street in Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and shown as Lot 5 on a plan entitled "Subdivision of Land in Stoneham, Mass.", dated August 25, 1952, Warren M. Mirick, Registered Surveyor, recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 7967, Page 224, bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY	by said Church Street, 45 feet;
NORTHEASTERLY	in a curved line by the corner of said Church Street and said Central Street, 39.15 feet;
SOUTHEASTERLY	by said Central Street, 42.41 feet;
SOUTHWESTERLY	by Lot 1 as shown on said plan, 52.67 feet; and
NORTHWESTERLY	3.31 feet and Westerly 43.95 feet by Lot 4 as shown on said plan.

Being the same premises described in a deed from Theresa L. York to Paul Fitzgerald and Eleanor A. Fitzgerald dated August 10, 1955 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 8558, Page 300.

Parcel 13-4-4 Church Street

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot 4 on a plan entitled "Subdivision of Land in Stoneham, Mass.", dated August 25, 1952, Warren M. Mirick, Reg. Surveyor, recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 7967, Page 224, and being further bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY	by Church Street 40 feet;
WESTERLY	by Lot 3, as shown on said plan, 56.98 feet;
SOUTHERLY	and Southeasterly by Lots 2 and 1, as shown on said plan, by two lines measuring respectively 35.26 feet and 9.30 feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY still by Lot 5, as shown on said plan, 3.31 feet; and
EASTERLY by said Lot 5, 43.95 feet.

Containing 2,260 square feet of land according to said plan, by any or all of said measurements more or less.

Being the same premises described in a deed from Richard E. Macdonald, Trustee to Richard E. Macdonald and Gail A. Macdonald, Trustees dated November 3, 1989 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 20195, Page 454.

Parcel 13-5 - 2 Church Street

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on Church Street in Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot 3 on a plan entitled, "Subdivision of land in Stoneham, Mass.," August 25, 1952, Warren M. Mirick, Reg. Surveyor, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds in Book 7967, Page 224.

Said premises are further bounded and described as follows:

WESTERLY by land now or formerly of Israel Sachs, as shown on said plan, 59 feet;
NORTHERLY by said Church Street, as shown on said plan, 51.19 feet;
EASTERLY by lot 4, on said plan, 56.98 feet, and
SOUTHERLY by lot 2, on said plan, 47.25 feet.

Said premises contain 2,904 square feet of land, more or less.

Being the same premises described in a deed from Walter F. Stanton to John A. Puleo and Christina Puleo dated February 5, 1973 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 12374, Page 588.

Parcel 18-206 - 340 Main Street

The land, together with the buildings thereon (if any), situated in Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land belonging to William Tidd Estate," by James A. Bancroft, Surveyor, dated June 30, 1905, and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 163, Plan 48, and bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northwesterly corner of said premises at the junction of Main and Church Streets, thence running

EASTERLY by said Church Street, one hundred thirty-one and 90/100 (131.90) feet to land now or formerly of R.H. Lufkin; thence running

SOUTHERLY by said Lufkin land, sixty-six (66) feet to land formerly of Curtis, later of Charles W. Tidd; thence running by said Tidd land, thirty-eight (38) feet; thence running
WESTERLY by said Tidd land, twenty-six and 75/100 (26.75) feet; thence running
SOUTHERLY by said Tidd land, sixteen (16) feet; thence running
WESTERLY by said Tidd land, forty (40) feet, to Winter Street; thence running
SOUTHERLY by said Winter Street, seventy-one and 27/100 (71.27) feet to Main Street; thence running
NORTHERLY by Main Street, one hundred thirty-three and 65/100 (133.65) feet, to the point of beginning, containing 14,074 square feet of land.

Being the same premises described in a deed from Edward J. Barshak, Receiver to Frank P. D'Annolfo, et al., Trustees dated July 25, 1984 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 15872, Page 404.

Parcel 18-207 - 4 Winter Street

A certain parcel of land, together with buildings thereon, situated on the northerly side of Winter Street in Stoneham, Middlesex South, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY by said Winter Street, 42 feet;
EASTERLY by land now or formerly of William H. Richardson, 66 feet;
NORTHERLY by land of William Tidd, 37 feet; and
WESTERLY by other land of said William Tidd, 66 feet;

all of said measurements being more or less.

ALSO, a certain parcel of land on the northerly side of said Winter Street, containing 640 square feet of land more or less, adjacent to said above described parcel, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of the premises at a stake at said Winter Street; thence Northerly 40 feet to a stake at land formerly of the heirs of William Tidd; thence Westerly by said land formerly of Tidd heirs 16 feet to a stake; thence Southerly also by land formerly of said Tidd heirs 40 feet to said Winter Street; thence Easterly by said Winter Street 16 feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same premises described in a deed from Florence C. Metcheare conveyed to Robert E. Bemis and Ethel M. Bemis dated July 18, 1949 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 7456,

Parcel 18-208 - 3 Winter Street

A certain parcel of land, with buildings thereon, situated in Stoneham in Middlesex County, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY	by the Southerly line of Winter Street, thirty-eight and 07/100 feet;
EASTERLY	by land now or formerly of Ethel W. O'Brien ninety-three and 08/100 feet;
SOUTHWESTERLY	by lands now or formerly of Samuel Samour et al and now or formerly of Jacob Gerrish, thirty-eight and 15/100 feet;
WESTERLY	by said Gerrish land, fourteen and 50/100 feet;
NORTHERLY	by land now or formerly of James F. Fitzpatrick et ux, three and 50/100 feet; and
WESTERLY	by said Fitzpatrick et ux land and lot A as shown on plan hereinafter mentioned, sixty-six and 50/100 feet.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Land Court to be located as shown on a subdivision plan, as approved by the Land Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of which is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the South Registry District of Middlesex County in Registration Book 457, Page 517 with Certificate 68511. Said parcel is shown as lot B on said plan.

Being the same premises described as Parcel One in a deed from Charles F. Rittershaus to Wamscott Red Men's Wigwam Building Association, Inc. dated December 21, 1994 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 25092, Page 467.

Parcel 18-209 - 352 Main Street

A certain parcel of land, together with buildings thereon, situated in Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

WESTERLY	Main Street, thirty-three feet; by
NORTHERLY	by Winter Street, sixty-six feet;
EASTERLY	by lot B as shown on plan hereinafter mentioned, thirty-three and 50/100 feet; and
SOUTHERLY	by land now or formerly of James F. Fitzpatrick et ux, sixty-six feet.

Said parcel is shown as lot A on Plan No. 19625B on file with the Land Registration Office for Middlesex County.

Court to be located as shown on a subdivision plan, as approved by the Land Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of which is filed in the Registered Land Division of the Middlesex South Registry District in Registration Book 457, Page 517, with Certificate 68511.

Being the same premises described in a deed from George C. Riccardelli, et al., Trustees, to P. Joseph Presti and Camille M. Presti dated December 2, 1986 and filed with the Registered Land Division of the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Document No. 728855.

Parcel 18-210 - 358 Main Street

The land and the buildings thereon, in Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on the easterly side of Main Street containing eight (8) square rods more or less and being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the premises at a stake at said Main Street and by land now or formerly of W.C. Whitcher;

thence Easterly by said Whitcher's land sixty-six (66) feet to a stake at land now or formerly of Aaron Hill; thence Southerly by said Hill's land, thirty-three (33) feet to a stake at land now or formerly of Onslow Gilmore; thence Westerly by said Gilmore's land sixty-six (66) feet to a stake at said Main Street; thence Northerly by said Main Street, thirty-three (33) feet to the bound first mentioned.

Being the same premises described in a deed from Richard Dieter et al. to Franco Fico and Piera Fico dated April 13, 19 and 22, 1985 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 16187, Page 521.

Parcel 18-219 - 14 Central Street

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, now numbered 14 Central Street, being shown on "Plan of Land in Stoneham, Mass., belonging to Aaron Hill, dated April, 1893, Walter C. Stevens, Surveyor Copied by Dana F. Perkins and Sons, Inc., Aug. 21, 1951," said plan recorded in Book 7833, Page 366, bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHEASTERLY	by Central Street, One Hundred Twenty-four and 59/100 (124.59) feet;
SOUTHWESTERLY	by land now or formerly of A. R. Green, Sixty-nine and 02/100 (69.02) feet;
NORTHWESTERLY	by land now or formerly of owners unknown, Ninety-three and 03/100 (93.03) feet;

All of said boundaries are determined by the Land

NORTHEASTERLY by Winter Street, One Hundred Thirteen and 80/100 (113.80) feet

Containing 9,587 square feet, more or less.

Being the same premises described as Parcel Two in a deed from Charles F. Rittershaus to Wamscott Red Men's Wigwam Building Association, Inc. dated December 21, 1994 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 25092, Page 467.

Or and do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 2. It was moved and seconded to indefinitely postpone.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of any funds appropriated under articles one and two for any of the purposes approved by said articles one and two or do anything in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 3. It was moved and seconded to indefinitely postpone.

UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning By-Law, as follows:

1. Deleting from Section 4.7 "Highway Business District Section" - Section 4.7.3.9, which provides as follows:

4.7.3.9 Adult theaters, adult bookstores, adult video stores and adult dance clubs, subject to the following: the property for the proposed use shall not be located within:

- a. five hundred (500) feet of a residential use or district;
- b. one thousand (1,000) feet of a school;
- c. five hundred (500) feet of a church; or
- d. one thousand (1,000) feet from any other adult theater, adult bookstore, adult video store or adult dance club.

It is the purpose and intent of this bylaw to regulate the secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses referenced herein, and to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham. The provisions of this by-law have neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restric-

tion on the content of any communicative matter or materials, including sexually oriented matter or materials. Similarly, it is not the intent nor effect of this bylaw to restrict or deny access by adults to sexually oriented matter or materials protected by the Constitution of the United States or of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, nor restrict or deny rights that distributors or exhibitors of such matter or materials may have to sell, distribute or exhibit such matter or materials. Neither is it the intent nor effect of this bylaw to legalize the distribution of obscene matter or materials.

2. Adding to Section 4.8.3.5, as follows:

To the West of Interstate Route 93 - Adult Uses - an establishment, a building or portion thereof or a use of land having a substantial or significant portion of its business activity, stock in trade, or other matter or material for sale, rental, distribution, or exhibition, which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on depicting, describing or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in G.L. c. 272, sec. 31, including, but not limited to the following: adult bookstores, adult dance clubs, adult motion picture theater, adult paraphernalia store, adult theater, adult video stores and establishments which display live nudity for their patrons, subject to the following:

- a. An adult uses may not occur or be located:

- i. Within 300 feet of a lot line of a church or other place of worship;
- ii. Within 300 feet of a public park, playground or athletic field;
- iii. Within 300 feet of a public or private elementary or secondary school or licensed day care center.
- iv. Within 1000 feet of any other adult use within the Town of Stoneham;

- b. With the exception of an adult motion picture theater, adult theater and establishments which display live nudity for their patrons, adult entertainment uses may not exceed three thousand (3,000) square feet gross floor area. In addition all adult uses are subject to lawful conditions imposed pursuant to Section 7.4.3 of these bylaws and the site plan process, regardless of whether or not more restrictive than a provision of this Section.

- c. No advertisement, display or other promotional material which contains nudity, sexually explicit graphics or sexually explicit text shall be visible to the public from outside of the building.

d. No special permit shall be issued to any person convicted of violating the provisions of section sixty-three of chapter one hundred and nineteen (G.L. c. 119, sec. 63) or section twenty-eight of chapter two hundred and seventy-two (G.L. c. 272, sec. 28).

e. A special permit granted under this section shall lapse within two years, and including such time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal from the grant thereof, if a substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced except for good cause or, in the case of a permit for construction, if construction has not begun by such date except for good cause.

.8.3.5.1 In addition to the requirements of this Section, the special permit granting authority shall adopt and from time to time amend rules relative to the issuance of special permits hereunder, and shall file a copy of said rules in the office of the town clerk. Such rules shall prescribe a size, form, contents, style, and number of copies of plans and specifications and the procedure for a submission and approval of such permits.

3. Add the following Purpose and Intent section to Section 4.8.3 of the Zoning By-laws:

It is the purpose and intent of this bylaw to address and mitigate the secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses referenced herein, since such secondary effects have been found by the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board of Stoneham and after other public input, to include increased crime, adverse impacts on public health, adverse impacts on the business climate of the Town, adverse impacts on the quality of life in the Town, all of which secondary impacts are adverse to the health, safety and general welfare of the Town of Stoneham and its present and future inhabitants. The provisions of this by-law have neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restriction on the content of any communicative matter or materials, including sexually oriented matter or materials. Similarly, it is not the purpose, intent nor effect of this bylaw to restrict or deny access by adults to sexually oriented matter or materials protected by the Constitution of the United States or of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, nor restrict or deny rights that distributors or exhibitors of such matter or materials may have to sell, distribute or exhibit such matter or materials. Neither is it the intent nor effect of

this bylaw to legalize the distribution of obscene matter or materials.

4. Adding the following definitions to Section 2.0, Definitions:

Section 2.1.2.4 Adult motion picture theater: An enclosed building used for presenting material distinguished by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing, or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in G.L. c. 272, sec. 31.

Section 2.1.2.5 Adult paraphernalia store: An establishment having as a substantial or significant portion of its stock devices, objects, tools, or toys which are distinguished or characterized by their association with sexual activity, including sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in G.L. c. 272, sec. 31

Section 2.1.2.6 Establishment which displays live nudity for its patrons: Any establishment which provides live entertainment for its patrons, which includes the display of nudity, as that term is defined in G.L.c. 272, sec. 31.

Section 2.1.77 Substantial or significant portion: The term "substantial and significant portion" as used with respect to adult uses shall mean any of the following:

- Twenty percent (20%) or more of the business inventory or stock of merchandise for sale, rental, distribution or exhibition during any period of time; or
- Twenty percent (20%) or more of the annual number of gross sales, rentals or other business transactions; or
- Twenty percent (20%) or more of the annual gross business revenue.
- Twenty percent (20%) or more of the hours during which the establishment is open.

5. Amend the following definitions in Section 2.0, Definitions:

Section 2.1.2.2 - Amend the definition of Adult video store to read as follows: Adult video store: an establishment having as a substantial or significant portion of its stock in trade, videos, movies, or other film material which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis depicting, de-

scribing, or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in said section thirty-one of said chapter two hundred and seventy-two.

6. To the extent that any other section or provision of the Zoning By-laws is inconsistent with or conflicts with this Section, this Section shall control to the greatest extent possible.
7. Any section of this by-law or portion thereof declared invalid shall not affect the validity or application of the remainder of the by-law.
8. The By-law adopted pursuant to this article is adopted pursuant to the authority granted the Town of Stoneham by G.L. c. 40A and its home rule authority pursuant to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the General Laws. Or do anything in relation thereto, including, but not limited to, regulating the secondary effects of adult uses by amending the Zoning By-laws. Said amendments may include prohibitions, restrictions or the lack thereof on adult uses which are within various distance of other uses regardless of whether said other uses or distances are set-out herein.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE. 4. It was moved and seconded to accept article 4 as presented in the Town Meeting warrant.

It was moved and seconded to amend the motion by adding to section 4.8.3.5, as follows: to the West of Interstate to Route 93 and North of Montvale Ave.

CARRIED

The main motion as amended was voted.

YES 161

NO 3

CARRIED

* Attorney General approval January 3, 1997

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Annamae Arsenault
Town Clerk

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies in at least ten (10) public places in the Town fourteen (14) days at least before the time for holding said meeting and by causing an attested copy to be published in some newspaper in the Town, the publication to be not less than three (3) days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given unto our hands this twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
John W. Biggio, Chairman
Cosmo M. Ciccarello
Albert B. Conti
Patrick F. Jordan, Jr.
Mark T. Vaughan

TOWN COUNSEL

I am pleased to offer the following report concerning the office of the Town Counsel for the year 1996.

The publication of the Town Code in 1996 began a new era in the history of the compilation of the bylaws, rules and regulations of the Town and the legislative acts applicable to the Town. This is the first Town Code published on a personal computer and printed in-house. With these tools of the computer age, the Town will be able to more easily update the Code on an annual or semi-annual basis.

This Code was built upon the previous work of former Town Counsel, Thomas M. Leahy, who initiated and oversaw the recodification and subsequent updating of the town code, its bylaws, rules and regulations and special acts beginning in the early 1970's.

The new publication changes the Town Code to a letter size (8 1/2" x 11") format. The layout, design and printing of the Code and its cover resulted from the creative and inventive work and supervision of my secretary Catherine Broderick. This project could not have been successfully completed without her outstanding efforts and dedication.

The Town Code has been extensively updated in a number of ways, including:

- a. The inclusion of the Selectmen/Administrator Act (the "Act"). In addition to the editorial provision of subheadings, the Act has been cross-referenced throughout the bylaws and has been included in the updated and revised index.
- b. The addition of the regulations of the Council on Aging and the Stoneham Public Library, reviewed for substance and format by this office. Amendment and reorganization of the regulations of a number of boards with the assistance of this office. Particular mention goes to the efforts of the Board of Health under the direction of its Chairman Michael J. Rolli.
- c. Expanded state law and cross-references in a more readable format.
- d. Expanded notation of adoption dates and article numbers for previously adopted bylaws, including zoning bylaws.
- e. Expanded notations of general law references for acts and resolves accepted or petitioned by the Town of Stoneham.

As to the litigation to which the Town was a party, the following cases were disposed of this past year:

Anthony J. Antonowitch v. Civil Service Commission and Town of Stoneham, Appeals Court of Massachusetts, Case No. 954-P-1253.

Anthony J. Antonowitch v. Civil Commission and Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court No. 95-01656B.

Planning Board of the Town of Stoneham v. Board of Appeals of the Town of Stoneham, et al., Superior Court No. 95-0519.

Fred Frenzo et al v. The Town of Stoneham, Stoneham Board of Appeals et al, Middlesex Superior Court No. 90-08625-E.

Town of Stoneham and IYH Corporation v. City of Woburn, Land Court No. 216119.

James A. O'Grady v. Board of Appeals of the Town of Stoneham, Land Court No. 223050.

Trustees of the Seville Condominium Trust v. Edward A. Urkiewicz and Town of Stoneham, Woburn District Court No. 9553 CV 1573.

The following cases were added in 1996 and were still pending at the end of the year:

Charles S. Rotundi v. Stephen L. Doucet, Catherine M. Doucet, Timothy F. McCarthy, N.E. Construction Corp. And Town of Stoneham, Middlesex Superior Court No. 96-01722.

Simon Zaltman v. Planning Board of Stoneham, Land Court No. 226059.

As always, I express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Town officials, department heads and employees for their assistance and support. It is an honor to serve as Town Counsel and a pleasure to work with these fine individuals.

